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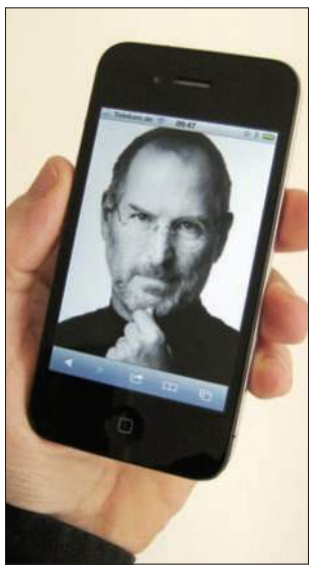

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» Fitial hopes Kilili's CNMI-only resident status bill will be junked

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's bill proposing a CNMI-only resident status for four groups of people now heads to the full U.S. House of Representatives for voting following the Natural Resources Committee's approval on Wednesday, a development hailed by many in the community.

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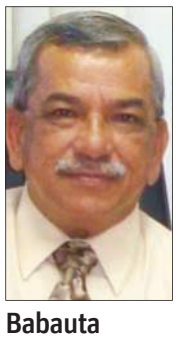

Babauta

Neo Gold Wings Paradise had planned to build a $1.6 billion to $3 billion "six-star" casino hotel and resort on Tinian but managed to pay only $5,000 of over $220,000 in land lease arrears with the Department of Public Lands on Wednesday despite extended considerations, prompting DPL to make the 300 hectares of public land available to other interested

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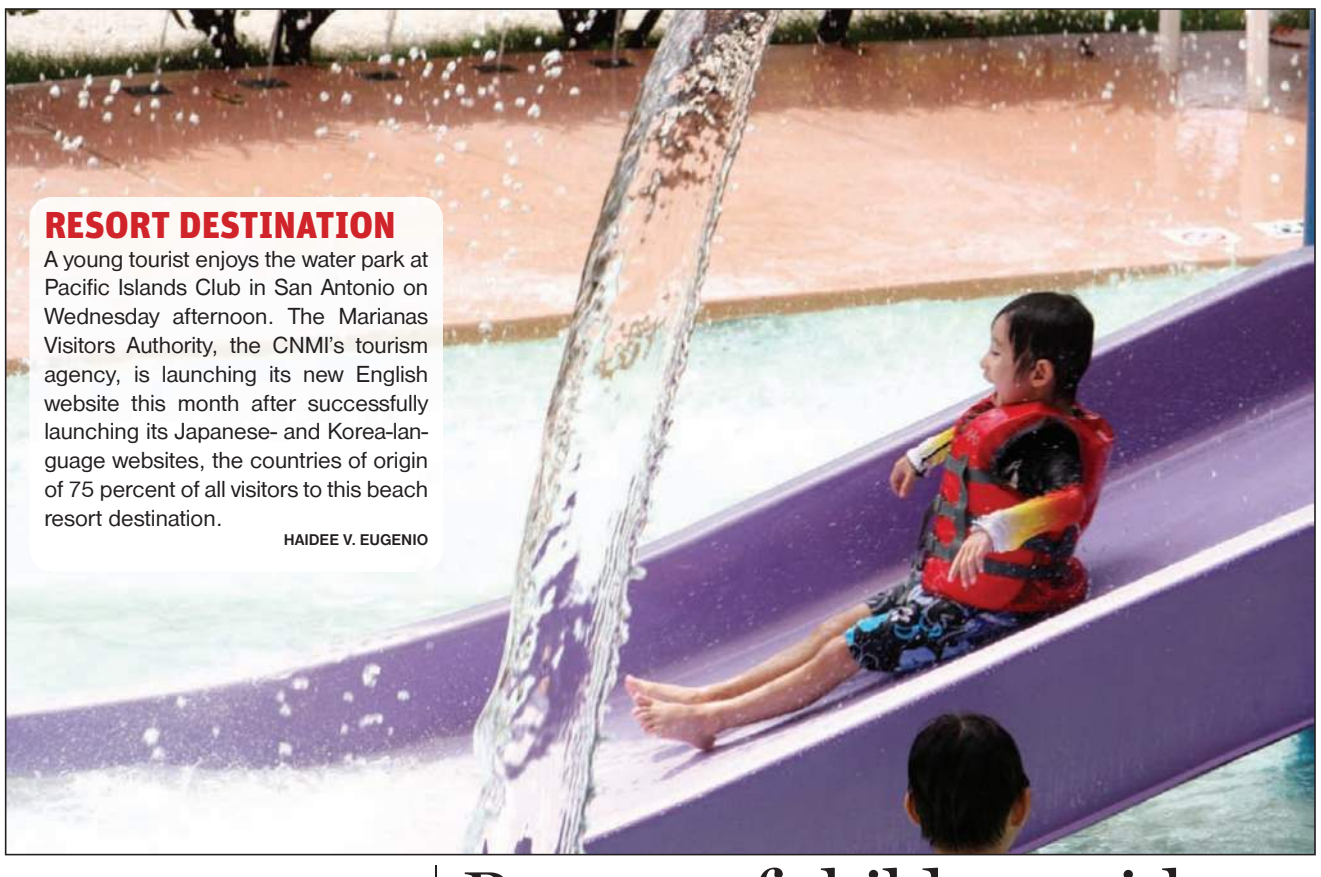

RESORT DESTINATION

A young tourist enjoys the water park at Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio on Wednesday afternoon. The Marianas Visitors Authority, the CNMI's tourism agency, is launching its new English website this month after successfully launching its Japanese- and Korea-language websites, the countries of origin of 75 percent of all visitors to this beach resort destination.

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Lag time in power rate cut blamed on 2 factors

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Although the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. agrees that it needs to reduce its power rates due to lower fuel prices in the world market, any such reduction is being delayed by two factors: disagreement over the formula on how to compute the adjustment and the lack of a functioning commission that will approve the rate cut.

"Since fuel prices have declined since

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Parents of children with disabilities hang on to hope

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The Parents of Children with Disabilities Coalition on Saipan, headed by president Jane Curioso, expressed the group's optimism yesterday that their plight will be considered by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services after its representatives told them that the matter is on their table and now being studied.

"We're very pleased to know that our concern is on their table. We're hoping that they will provide us some consideration to stay and be with our children to

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Local

OAG files charges vs driver of truck where boy fell and died

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The Office of the Attorney General has filed nine charges, including homicide by vehicle, against the driver of a pickup truck where a 15-year-old boy fell and later died after attending a family member's funeral at Tanapag Cemetery.

Vincent Lieto Fitial, 21, appeared with his lawyer, Michael Norita Evangelista, during yesterday's arraignment. Fitial pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Some of Fitial's family members attended the hearing. He is the uncle of the deceased boy.

Assistant attorney general Nicole Driscoll appeared for the government.

Evangelista told *Saipan Tribune* that this Carolinian family is being made to re-live a family nightmare by the OAG.

"This is a plain and simple unfortunate accident that occurred mere moments after the family buried one of their own. In fact, this accident occurred while the family was in the process of leaving the cemetery," Evangelista said.

There was neither speed nor alcohol involved in the case, he said. "Mind you, this accident happened right after a burial and the mood throughout was very somber and solemn."

Evangelista asked the OAG to re-examine their basis for charging this case.

"The family exercised their cultural and religious belief in protecting the integrity of their deceased family member, the second one in a week's time," he said.

Evangelista said the family did not want their loved one to be desecrated by an unnecessary autopsy and judge.

Associate Judge David Wiseman had agreed with the family that an autopsy was not needed as there was no legal basis to conduct an autopsy.

Evangelista said it is "very interesting" that after Wiseman prevented the OAG from performing the autopsy, the OAG came back with a vengeance and over-charged the young driver with nine charges.

"This is not a first degree murder case. There was never an evil intent nor a total disregard for the life and safety of another. It was purely an accident. The intensity of the OAG's response to this case leaves no other choice but to question their real motive," the lawyer added.

The boy, Wilben Herman Lieto, fell from the back of a pickup truck on Aug. 31 and died the following day. At that time, the OAG would not release the body to the family from the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue until an autopsy is conducted.

This prompted the boy's parents, Annjuliet Marie Lieto Lifoifoi and Joseph Lifoifoi, to file last month motions to prohibit the government from performing an autopsy and order the release of the body to them so they may lay him to rest. The parents asserted that that an autopsy on the body of their child would violate their Refaluwash cultural beliefs.

Wiseman granted the parents' TRO and ordered the release of the body to the parents.

In her declaration, Annjuliet Marie Lieto Lifoifoi had said that on Aug. 31, Wilben, her eldest son, was with family members at the Tanapag Cemetery where they were attending her brother-in-law's funeral.

Mrs. Lifoifoi said that Wilben, along with two of her family members, rode in the back of a pickup truck with plans to proceed to her parents' home in Tanapag.

As the truck moved along a pothole-filled dirt road at the cemetery, Wilben, who was sitting on the railing, leaned over the side to spit.

The truck hit a hole in the ground, causing Wilben to fall off the truck and hit the road head first. He was rushed to the hospital where he was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit.

Early morning the next day, Wilben died from internal injuries.

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Poker owner wants Govendo disqualified from divorce suit

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Attorney Timothy H. Bellas disclosed that Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo insists on handling his client's domestic court matters despite a CNMI Supreme Court restriction that bars him from doing so.

Bellas' client, Byoong Seob Choi, wants Govendo disqualified from handling the case on the basis of personal bias and appearance of partiality.

In his declaration, Choi states that he had learned that his former wife, Jung Ja Kim, had told community members that he would lose this case because Govendo does not like poker machines and their owners. Choi owns several poker establishments, laundry shops, and commercial apartments.

In his declaration in support of the motion for disqualification, Bellas said that Govendo had summoned him to his chambers on June 6, 2011, to discuss the case.

"When I went to the judge's chambers, the judge disclosed to me that in spite of the restriction imposed on him by the CNMI Supreme Court he intended to continue as the judge in this matter," the lawyer said.

Bellas was referring to a Supreme Court determination last year that had found Govendo in violation of the provisions of the Commonwealth Code of Judicial Conduct, as well as some of the Commonwealth Rules of Judicial Disciplinary Procedure. The High Court ordered, among other things, that Govendo be reassigned from the Family Court Division for a period of one year.

Bellas said that Govendo further informed him that he had already initiated contact with both judge Perry Inos and presiding judge Robert Naraja about keeping this case and that they were okay with him doing so.

In his declaration, Choi said that he and Kim were divorced in mid-2005, but while the divorce proceedings were pending, Govendo awarded Kim interim support of $15,000 per month. Choi said that Govendo also required him to give her full access to all businesses and their associated records.

Shortly after the divorce was granted, Choi said that he and Kim reconciled and began cohabiting again so both of them instructed their attorneys to cancel their divorce. Govendo signed an order on Dec. 15, 2005, that vacated the divorce decree.

In August 2007, Choi said, he went on a business trip to South Korea and returned in April 2008 to find out that his wife had an affair with his then attorney (not Bellas).

Believing that he was still married to Kim, Choi said he instructed a new attorney to file for divorce.

Choi said that part of a temporary restraining order Govendo issued in June 2008 denied him all access to their businesses and all marital income.

"As a result, Ms. Kim has had sole custody of the marital property and income since June of 2008, which, at a minimum, currently adds up to roughly $1.8 million," he said.

Based on Govendo's rulings, Choi said, he was forced to agree to $3,000 a month payment from the marital income as temporary support while Kim continued to have sole possession of the marital businesses and income.

Choi said that despite the enormous income that Kim has at her disposal Govendo recently ruled that even the $3,000 per month that he was receiving since June 2008, should be stopped.

Since then, Choi said he has been unable to meet his financial obligations, much less live the lifestyle he had prior to the judge's order.

"When I learned that Judge Govendo was ordered by the Supreme Court not to have anything to do with divorce matters, I was happy because I felt that his past decisions unfairly favored Ms. Kim," Choi said.

Fitial asks Kilili to introduce measure on federal grants

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) yesterday to introduce legislation that would allow the CNMI to tap $2.7 million in federal assistance through the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training initiative.

Fitial said his office contacted the U.S. Department of Labor to inquire about this initiative and was informed that the CNMI was not eligible to avail of this opportunity because the CNMI was not included in the governing statue.

"I am deeply troubled by this exclusion given that the CNMI could have been well served by a much needed trade adjustment program and especially since our economic challenges are due in part to trade actions by the U.S. government. In this regard, I respectfully seek your indulgence to aggressively work on introducing legislation that would allow for the CNMI to benefit from federal programs that we have been excluded from and for the inclusion of the CNMI in future assistance opportunities that will be made available," Fitial told Sablan.

Sablan's office on Saipan, when asked for comment, said they have yet to receive a copy of Fitial's letter, sent to the media at past 4:30pm. That was in the wee hours of the morning in Washington, D.C.

Fitial said as he understands it, the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act included $2 billion over four years for the TAACCCT initiative.

This is in support of partnerships between community colleges and employers to develop programs that provide pathways to good jobs by accelerating progress and reducing time to completion and improving retention and achievement rates, among other things.

"This initiative will provide $2.7 million in assistance to each of the states and Puerto Rico. Unfortunately, the (CNMI) and the other territories were once again left behind," Fitial told Sablan.

The governor added that while the CNMI has been graced by the federal assistance programs it has availed thus far, it must continue to actively pursue any and all opportunities that arise in an effort to ensure that it maximizes efforts to further enhance communities' livelihood.

Jury deliberations today in Cepeda retrial

Superior Court jurors are expected to commence today, Friday, their deliberations in the retrial of Franklin Cabrera Cepeda Jr. for the 1999 murder of a businessman inside a karaoke bar in San Jose.

Defense counsel Colin Thompson rested their case yesterday afternoon.

Associate judge Perry B. Inos directed the six jurors to return today, Friday, at 9am to start deliberations.

Thompson and prosecutors Russell Lorfing and Peter B. Prestley gave their closing arguments yesterday afternoon.

Prestley said evidence shows that Cepeda came up with the plan to rob, he took a baseball bat and a knife, and he killed Rong Zhou, also known as Matthew, inside the Yellow House Karaoke on March 1, 1999.

Prestley cited the testimonies of Cepeda's co-defendant, George Ilo, and witnesses Benjie Fitial and Melvin Cabrera as very strong evidence against Cepeda.

Thompson argued that the prosecution failed to meet the burden to prove each element of the crimes filed against Cepeda.

Thompson said the testimonies and evidence of the government are unreliable and uncorroborated.

Thompson described the government's witnesses—Ilo, Fitial, and Cabrera—as liars.

The defense lawyer said he can't understand that in this one murder case, there was an investigation in 2000 and another in 2003.

Thompson was referring to the Office of the Attorney General's filing in 2000 of charges against Jeffrey Deleon Guerrero, who was subsequently acquitted, and the filing of charges in 2003 against Cepeda and Ilo.

Ilo pleaded guilty, while Cepeda was found guilty during a trial in 2005. The CNMI Supreme Court, however, vacated Cepeda's convictions and ordered a new trial. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Senate OKs bill on tax rate for foreign corporations

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The Senate adopted Wednesday a conference committee report recommending passage of a bill providing for a tax rate for foreign corporations earning income from outside of the CNMI.

House Bill 17-162, authored by Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) and four other lawmakers, also needs House approval before heading to the governor's desk.

Among other things, a foreign operations corporation has 100 percent rebate offset of Northern Marianas territorial income tax, and is exempt from business gross revenue tax, income tax and license fee except the annual $1,500 FOC license fee.

The bill went back and forth the two houses until a conference committee was formed to break the deadlock on the revenue-generating bill.

HB 17-162 seeks to encourage foreign persons to establish a company in the CNMI and by shifting their income to the islands, pay a low tax on their income from foreign operations.

Such businesses currently do not engage in business or investment activity in the CNMI.

The tax on company income from foreign corporations would be a new source of income to the Commonwealth.

"If the company does engage in business activity in the Commonwealth, the income from the local business activity would be subject to regular Commonwealth taxes," the bill says.

A "foreign operations corporation" derives at least 90 percent of its income from outside the CNMI, among other things.

The Senate also approved during its Wednesday session a bill expanding the tourism incentive program and charges passengers from non-U.S. destinations a new $15 "travel promotion fee" to help the Marianas Visitors Authority's tourism promotion.

House Bill 17-179, House Substitute 1, Senate Substitute 2 goes back to the House for action. The bill was introduced by House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan).

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Parked car burglarized

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a burglary and theft incident that occurred on a car parked outside a residence in As Terlaje.

Last Sept. 28 around midnight, the victim, a 33-year-old local male, parked his 2005 beige Toyota Corolla outside his residence. Later that morning, around 7am, the victim found his car window shattered and IT&E phone cards stolen.

The phone cards are described as long distance and prepaid phone cards. The cards are in unit values of $5 and $10 each. The total amounts stolen were over 1,500 phone cards worth over $10,000. The victim's black pouch containing his wallet, driver's license, passport, credit card, $150 cash, and three cell phones—a Nokia, a Samsung, and a Motorola—were also taken.

DPS and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use its website at www.nmicrimestoppers.com. Crime stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. ***(Crime Stoppers)***

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the current levelized energy accrued clause [LEAC] rate was established, of course CUC is willing and agreeable to decreasing the present LEAC charge," said deputy executive director Alan W.Fletcher yesterday.

He explained, however, that CUC cannot change rates by itself. All rates must first be approved by the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

The problem, he said, is that the commission had not been functioning due to the lack of commissioners. From June 7 until Sept. 28, Viola Alepuyo was the only commissioner. The other commissioners had earlier resigned.

It was only on Sept. 28 that the commission became active once more with the appointment of Joaquin Manglona. He first reported to the board last week and had asked for time to review all documents filed with the commission. The commission's next meeting is slated next week.

Fletcher said this is one reason why CUC submitted a proposed bill to the Legislature, Senate Bill 17-84, that would change the present levelized energy accrued clause, LEAC, into a monthly fuel adjustment clause, MFAC, which would be calculated on the first day of every month. The Senate approved the bill quickly and it is now pending at the House for approval.

Senate Bill 17-84, authored by Senate floor leader Pete Reyes, provides a method through which the electricity rate will be calculated on the first day of every month using a new spreadsheet model. CUC described this method as less time consuming and less complex as it will immediately reflect electricity rate changes on a monthly basis.

CUC earlier said that the complexities of calculating the LEAC rate delayed their reaction in response to the global fuel price rollback.

The LEAC reimburses CUC for the fuel it buys to operate its power plants. When oil prices go up, the LEAC goes up too; when oil prices go down, it is supposed to also go down. LEAC recalculations in response to an oil price change usually takes six months.

No over-recovery

Fletcher said that CUC strongly disputes Georgetown Consulting's claim that there has been a material "over-recovery" of the LEAC rate. The commission's consultant recently filed a report indicating the need to change the LEAC rate due to over-recoveries by CUC—meaning that CUC has been charging more for power than it should.

CUC asserts that the Georgetown's analysis indicating an "over-recovery" in LEAC revenue is based on incorrect and unsupported assumptions.

"CUC continues to analyze LEAC revenues and fuel charges in this highly volatile market, but to date CUC has found no evidence supporting the claim of a material over-recovery," said Fletcher.

Fletcher said the oil prices that CUC's costs are based on $1.8961/gallon in October 2009 and $2.9217/gallon in October 2011, which shows an increase of 54 percent.

Fletcher further pointed out that CUC's LEAC and base rate revenues have been $3.6 million less than its power division operating expenses in fiscal year 2011. That means that, even if there were an "over-recovery" in LEAC revenues, power ratepayers have still paid $3.6 million less overall than it cost CUC to provide power.

"CUC cannot continue to operate if it cannot recover the money it has spent to provide power from ratepayers. CUC has worked very hard to obtain grants so that ratepayers could pay less," he said, adding that CUC spent $6,189,822 million in grants as of Aug. 31, 2011.

In order for CUC to continue to provide power and meet the requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, it must charge customers for its costs of operation, he added.

"When substantial operating losses are realized it hurts our ability to provide ongoing services. In addition, CUC is cash poor, we have no reserve funds and we routinely experience cash flow problems. This has resulted in slow payments to vendors, late paydays, and deferred maintenance to our facilities," added Fletcher.

The bottom line, he said, is that CUC is not a for-profit company. "This means we must recover the money we have to spend for fuel from our customers, otherwise we cannot afford to buy fuel."

WAGE SURVEY OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Doug Brennan and Chamber executive director Richard A. Pierce present Gov. Benigno R. Fitial with a copy of the 2011 Survey of Wages, Salaries and Benefits among Jobs and Organizations in the CNMI on Oct. 6, 2011, at the Governor's Office. At a meeting with Sixto Igisomar, CNMI Secretary of Commerce, Brennan presented a copy to the CNMI Department of Commerce.

CASINO

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investors.

This up-to-$3 billion project is the latest in planned developments in the CNMI to fizzle out in recent period.

DPL Secretary Oscar M. Babauta, in an interview yesterday, said he and Neo Gold Wings chairman and chief executive officer Joseph Hyun, who flew in from Korea, met on Wednesday to talk about the investor group's land lease arrears.

"I'm very disappointed and frustrated with NGP. We gave them too much consideration," Babauta told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said Neo Gold Wings still couldn't get financial support for its ambitious project, despite years of planning and pursuing it.

"I found it very suspicious that that they're rigging public land to buy time to sell the product [casino project]," he said, adding that it's disappointing that Neo Gold Wings couldn't "swallow what they chew."

DPL extended the July 30, 2011, deadline to Sept. 30, 2011, for Neo Gold Wings to pay its land lease arrears, before the two could pursue talks about reinstating the investor's terminated land lease since August 2010. DPL ended the lease because of the investor's non-payment of land rental since the groundbreaking for the project in July 2009.

Neo Gold Wings missed the Sept. 30, 2011, deadline but DPL waited for Hyun's arrival on Oct. 5.

"After several considerations granted to NGP, they still did not pay off their debts. It seems that NGP is not financially capable of putting a $3-billion project as evidenced by non-payment of over $200,000 in land rental. There will not be any discussion of reinstating the lease. Technically that land is available to any other interested investor," Babauta said.

He said any new investor wanting to lease public land will have to pay a one-year advance lease, and a $3 million escrow.

Babauta, a former House speaker, said Hyun managed to pay $5,000 in land lease arrears.

"They still owe DPL over $217,000. DPL will pursue collection through legal means. …At least I'm thankful they paid something. But they have to pay the rest of what they owe the people," he added.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Tinian Legislative Delegation, said in a separate interview that he's also disappointed that Neo Gold Wings treated the CNMI badly.

"They gave people false hope. They should have told us that they couldn't finance the project. Then we could move on and make the land available to other investors," he said.

Hofschneider also said it's sad that an investor that the Legislature and DPL entrusted with public land failed to make good on its promises.

Neo Gold Wings had planned to build a casino hotel and resort that will also feature a theme park and a 36-hole golf course on Tinian. The first of the two-phase project included the construction of a 36-hole golf course and close to 800 cottages. The second phase included a hotel and casino and a theme park.

HR 1466

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During markup, the committee agreed by unanimous consent to send Sablan's H.R. 1466 to the House floor for passage.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial hopes, however, that the full body "will reject the legislation," said press secretary Angel Demapan.

Fitial testified against Sablan's H.R. 1466 in July in Washington, D.C.

"Although it has received the nod of the committee, the governor is hopeful that the full body will reject the legislation in consideration of the concerns of the local government and the indigenous community," Demapan said.

Sablan, in a phone interview after the House committee's passage of HR 1466, said "it's still a long way" but the committee passage of the measure is a good start.

"I don't think this bill will become law before Nov. 27 but today's action by the committee was important. It now moves forward," Sablan said.

HR 1466 still has to be passed by the full U.S. House of Representatives and then by the U.S. Senate before it gets to President Barack Obama for action.

As of yesterday, Sablan said there's no telling when the U.S. House will vote on his bill. "Like I said, it's still a long way. I will continue to work on this."

HR 1466 would allow persons born in the Northern Marianas between 1974 and 1978, persons given permanent resident status under CNMI law, and their family members to continue to live and work in the Marianas.

The bill also permits immediate family members of U.S. citizens to remain in the Marianas until they can adjust their status under U.S. immigration law.

"Only persons who entered the Northern Marianas legally and remain legally present qualify under the bill. No amnesty is provided anyone who does not have legal status," Sablan said in a separate statement.

Sablan said the committee markup started at 10am Wednesday in Washington, D.C. but HR 1466 wasn't approved until about 4pm.

John Imperial, 35, said he's happy that the committee approved Sablan's bill. "It's giving us renewed hope. I hope that the U.S. Congress will pass it too," he said.

Imperial, a nonresident cook on Saipan for 20 years, is one of thousands of immediate relatives of U.S. citizens in the CNMI covered by Sablan's bill. He said his four children are between 2 and 14 years old.

He said while his employer will file a petition for a Commonwealth-only worker status for him, he said there's still no guarantee that his job won't be given to a qualified U.S. worker.

"But I won't let my family broken apart. If I lose my job by Nov. 27 and I have to go home, I will bring all my children with me. Sablan's bill is a good one because it will help many, but if it won't become law by Nov. 27, a lot of those it could help may already lose their status and leave the CNMI," Imperial said.

Malou Berueco, a guest worker advocate, said HR 1466's committee passage "is one step forward" and hopes for its passage by the full Congress.

She said when she attended a recent peaceful rally of U.S citizen children with nonresident parents, she realized that HR1466 "doesn't intend to protect the guest workers who are parents of the U.S. citizen children, but rather, was created and introduced to protect these children."

"Please don't break these children's dream of living and studying in CNMI with their parents with them, nor try to make them choose between staying here in CNMI without their parents or live with them in a place they never considered home… They [children] want to stay here simply because CNMI is the only place they call home," she said.

HR 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for these four groups:

1. Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008 and continuing to be on the islands;
2. CNMI permanent residents;
3. Those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978; and
4. The spouses or children, "as defined in section 101(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(b)(1)), of an alien described in subclauses (I) or (II)."

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies, said he's glad that the committee approved the CNMI delegate's HR 1466 and is now headed to the full House for voting.

Hofschneider said while he'd rather see Congress act on the CNMI Senate's recommendation to grant long-term workers in the CNMI a status similar to those granted to Freely Associated States citizens, Sablan's bill is a "good start."

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, said he's thankful for the committee passage of HR 1466 to keep families intact.

"What's important is that students with foreign parents will be protected by their parents. Most of these students are honor students. While I wish improved status for all, I can't ignore the needs of children," Sagana said.

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ensure that they will continue to receive the services they need for their special conditions," said Curioso.

Coalition members, most of their alien workers with U.S. citizen children, gathered at Susupe Park on Sunday to share their worries and concerns. The group is composed of about 60 members, of whom 34 are parents of children with disabilities in the Public School System.

Under the newly released workers' regulation, alien workers who are unemployed could face deportation starting Nov. 8, 2011. Curioso said that many coalition parents are not currently employed due to the economic decline and the need to take care of their children.

Curioso herself, a mother of a 12-year-old child with autism, lost her job in January this year due to the bad economy. Despite efforts to find a new one, she has failed and her plight is shared by other group members.

Curioso said that the coalition will also seek the help of CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan.

Today, coalition members are also expected to meet with the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy System Inc., where they also want to seek guidance and assistance.

If it will not be possible for them to obtain improved status from USCIS, Curioso said they will then seek to extend their stay in the CNMI until at least the completion of the secondary education of their children.

"We're fearing for the well-being of our U.S. citizen children who happen to have special needs. Once I bring my child home [in the Philippines], I know I cannot afford to provide for all the special services he needs…and I don't want to sacrifice the well-being of my kid. I hope they will help us to stay because our children need our guidance and care," said Curioso.

Her child receives free speech therapy, occupational therapy, and hydrotherapy provided by PSS.

Members of healthcare corporation board named

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial nominated four individuals yesterday to serve on the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of trustees, and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Senate will expedite the confirmation process because of the critical nature of the trustees' job to help ensure the delivery of healthcare.

Joaquin S. Torres and Roy T. Rios were nominated to represent Saipan, Pedro Q. Dela Cruz will represent for Rota, and Anthony H. Aguon will represent Tinian. All appointments require the advice and consent of the Senate. If confirmed, each one will serve a four-year term.

Because the terms of the board members are staggered, Fitial said the actual expiration dates will be determined later.

Manglona, who received Fitial's nomination letter yesterday, said he will urge the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigations to immediately conduct a public hearing on the nominations.

Fitial

The newly established Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is mandated to coordinate and provide the delivery of quality healthcare to the CNMI people in a financially responsible manner.

"With that being said, the lieutenant governor and I are confident that you are qualified and will be an asset on this important board," the governor stated in his individual appointment letters to the nominees.

Fitial said the administration will be providing the Senate president with copies of the nominees' resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test receipt, and drug test result as soon as they become available.

The corporation will have a seven-member board of trustees of which three members shall be ex-officio voting members. One member shall be the chief executive officer who will be selected by the board, the second member will be the nursing director, and the third is the medical director. Four of the members shall be appointed by the governor.

The healthcare corporation, composed of the Commonwealth Health Center and the Tinian and Rota health centers, officially came into being on Oct. 1. It also covers the Women's Clinic, the Children's Clinic, the Community Guidance Center, and inter-island medical referral services.

The takeover is expected to provide autonomy and management flexibility to the health department. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio, Moneth Deposa)***

Tamat Beach landowners, heirs reiterate their support for controlled development

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Even with the announcement that the Blue Water Homes project will not be built at Tamat Beach in Chalan Piao due to probate issues, landowners and heirs of the nearby area maintain their support for "controlled" development anywhere on the island.

"We will continue to support controlled economic development so long as the development does not negatively impact our environment and adjacent landowners in such a way that the negatives outweigh the positives," said Christopher Attao Concepcion, heir to Lot 458-NEW-4, said yesterday in an email response to *Saipan Tribune*.

Robert "Bob" Jones, Blue Water Homes LLC managing partner and Triple J Enterprises founder, made the official announcement at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday, saying that one of the landowners had died and there is an ongoing probate.

Concepcion pointed out that his family, members of the Tamat-Cabrera clan that owns land in the area where the $30-million affordable housing project was supposed to be built, were "not completely against the project."

"We just had major concerns regarding the size of the building itself and all the negative effects it would have had on our neighborhood and the surrounding environment," he said.

Blue Water Homes, the second affordable housing project to avail of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program administered by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., involves the construction of 80 two-, three-, and four-bedroom units in a 98-foot building and originally planned to be built south of Chalan Kanoa Beach Club.

Jones said they are looking at three alternate sites that he is not ready yet to disclose.

"While I am pleased to see that Mr. Jones has decided to look at alternative sites for his project, my one wish is that he finds a suitable location that is adequate for his needs," said John White, owner of Lot 458-NEW-7.

According to White, his family's main concern was not having "sufficient space" available for social activities required for an 80-unit housing project.

"Putting that large a structure on three house lots was just too cramped for any healthy social activities, not to mention the adverse environmental impact," said White.

Concepcion said that if the project developer is "serious about helping out our economy," then Blue Water Homes should be built in an area "more conducive to the size of this project."

"Tamat Beach is not that area. We wish them luck in all their future endeavors," he added.

White also urged the community to "plan carefully" for economic development, "no matter where it is located on Saipan."

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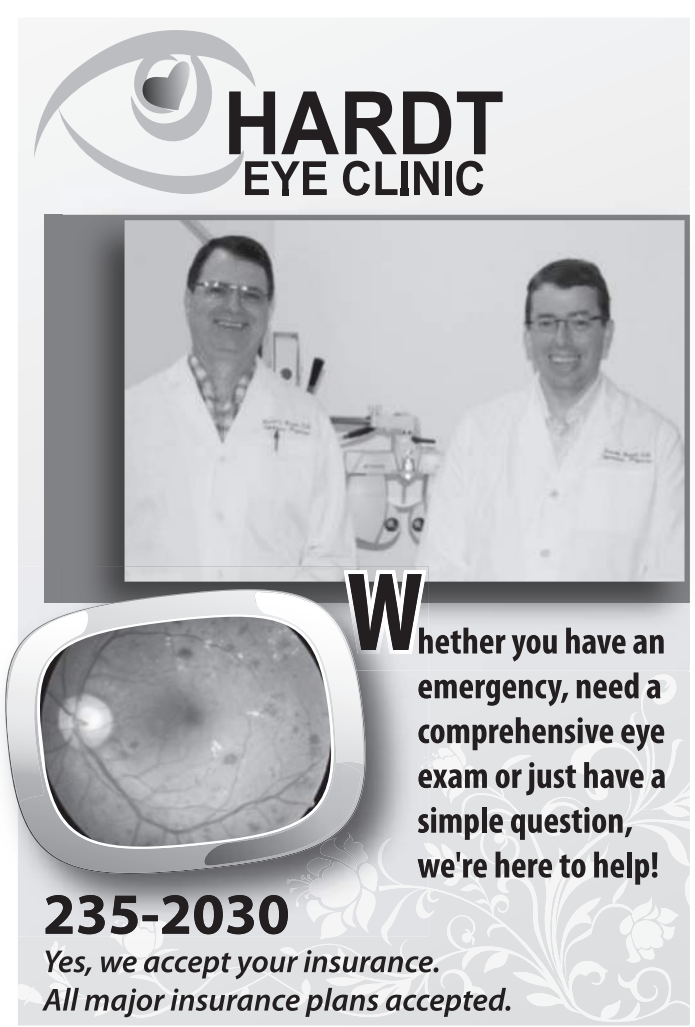
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Care package drive for military servicemembers gears up

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Members and volunteers of the Operation CNMI Home Front Support gather for a group photo after their meeting yesterday where they mapped out the plan for the fourth annual care package drive this year.

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With the remarkable success of the care package drive for military servicemembers in the last three years, Operation CNMI Home Front Support is gearing up for its fourth campaign, this time aiming to cover more recipients in all branches of military service around the globe.

Geri Willis, founder of the annual activity, said yesterday that a total of 1,102 care packages have been sent out since the campaign began in 2008. This year, they are targeting at least 350 U.S. military personnel from the Marianas to get the packages.

Saipan Tribune learned that there are approximately 500 to 600 military service members from the CNMI deployed around the world.

Along with key partners and volunteers, the group held an organizational meeting yesterday at the Northern Marianas College to map out plans.

Although the biggest challenge continues to be the compilation of the names and addresses of all local soldiers, Willis is optimistic that more and more families and community members will come forward for the needed information.

Willis again appealed to the community, government, and business sectors to help out by donating items that will be sent to servicemembers.

Once all donated items are collected, the group plans to begin packing on Nov. 26, 9am at the Pedro Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in time for the target delivery of all care packages before the holiday season.

This year, Operation CNMI Home Front Support has designated two places as drop-off points for donated items: the Joeten Store in Susupe and the NMC campus. Donations from various sectors will also be gathered before the packing date.

Kennedy Benjamin, a returning trooper from Iraq, described the campaign as a great morale-booster for all servicemembers from the Marianas. Last year, he was among the recipients of the care package kit where he found many things that he had missed about the islands.

"The experience was a great feeling. Just receiving things you really appreciate from home is awesome. From home-made cookies and goodies to different kind of canned goods to T-shirts to newspapers…those things make a big difference," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

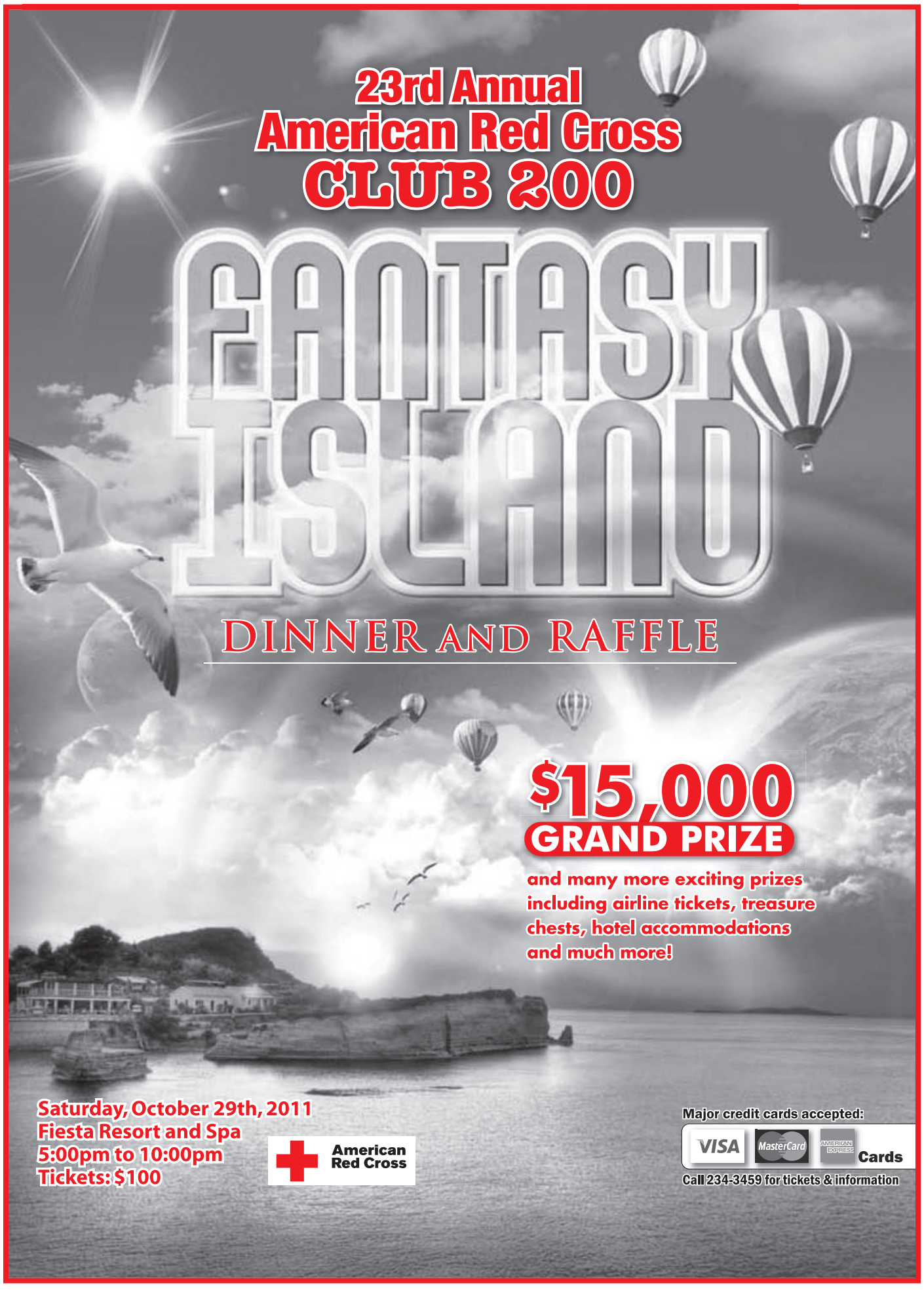
Benjamin was deployed in Iraq in March 2010 and came back last July. An employee of the Red Cross local chapter now, he encourages everyone to get involved in a worthy cause for his fellow servicemembers.

"I will never also forget the cards from our students because they don't know us and we don't know them… but they showed that they care for us. A little thank you from them is really a big thing [for soldiers]," he said.

On its first year, Willis remembers starting the care package drive with only a few partners and volunteers. Last year, she said about 250 volunteers showed up to help pack the donated items. A total of 350 packages were sent out before the Christmas holiday in 2010.

Based on conversation with soldiers, Willis noted some items on their "wish lists." These include canned foods such as Vienna sausage, Diamond tuna, Ox&Palm corned beef, Spam, Bowl noodle soup, Sapporo Ichiban soba, Doni, crackers, and cookies, among others. Other items on the wish list were letters, cards, and personal hygiene items, among others.

Except for the cost to mail out the packages, Willis said that everything in the campaign is usually donated.



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New ASNMC president outlines goals

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Newly elected Associated Students of Northern Marianas College president Lawrence Camacho, right, discusses some issues with vice president Keolester Buenpacifico during a break at the board meeting Friday.

The newly elected president of the Associated Students of Northern Marianas College, Lawrence Camacho, promises to fill the "gaps" between students and management and align his leadership's goals with that of the only community college on island.

Camacho met with the council's new set of officers yesterday to plan for the first upcoming general assembly of students where he will lay out the target missions for his leadership for the school year.

A 45-year-old hospitality management major and father, Camacho has spent most of his life in the hotel industry. He said it was his family who inspired him to run for election to make a difference in the lives of NMC students. This year marks his last at the college.

In developing plans for ASNMC, Camacho vowed to align them with the college and Board of Regents' missions and goals. This, he said, will aid in building collaboration and an effective link between students and management.

Among his top priorities are the enforcement of developmental projects to enhance creativity, resourcefulness, and cooperation among students.

Camacho also vowed to promote camaraderie and respect among enrollees as well as mentoring for those who need guidance and assistance.

"I want to help each student become well-rounded individuals where they can be good leaders in their own way. I also believe that promoting respect and appreciation for each other's differences is a sure way of getting everyone involved," he said.

NMC is home to over 1,000 students of various ethnic backgrounds and cultures.

Camacho is also thinking of helping the college management in finding alternative resources for students' needs. A list of fundraisers will be finalized at a later date.

Camacho also plans to change the current setup of the college student center to make it more friendly and inviting to students.

With delayed scholarship assistance from the local government negatively affecting student performance, Camacho plans to work with both the CNMI Scholarship Office and the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance to ensure better communication. Camacho, a scholar himself, is still waiting for his check to be disbursed for his summer classes.

Young Democrats of Guam to charter for 1st time in 20 years

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—The Central Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Guam met last night at the Sinajana Community Center to address, among other items, the acceptance of the charter for the Young Democrats of Guam Chapter.

Nearly two decades have passed since the Young Democrats of Guam officially worked to inspire political participation among Guam's progressive youth. Members ranging in age from 13 to 30 have joined together to formalize this movement and request official recognition from the Democratic Party of Guam.

The Young Democrats of Guam will focus on a three-pronged mission:

■ Advocate for the highest degree of social justice and equal opportunity for Guam's people;

■ Increase the political strength of young people within the Democratic Party of Guam; and

■ Stimulate, in young people, an active interest in political and governmental affairs. ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday to the love of my life, Vince Sablan! You're another year older and another year more special to me. Enjoy your day and God bless. I love you so much! Greetings from your Nen, Sanivette, and your son "Marley."

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Happy, happy birthday to the most amazing woman in our lives, Alicia Leon Guerrero. You are the best wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother anyone could ask for. We hope you have a wonderful day and we love you! Greetings come from the family.

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'DPH can reject all CHC bids'
The Department of Public Health can reject all proposals submitted by different staffing companies when necessary, authorities said. "The DPH can do what it wants. That's the right reserved to the department," Procurement and Supply special consultant Robert Florian said. Likewise, Pedro Untalan, DPH special assistant, said that as of now, the DPH is not obligated to stick to the bidding process. He said the DPH remains at the "driver's seat." "If you look at it, this is a request for proposal. We're not bound to stick to that...I feel, we still are in the driver's seat to decide whether to accept or reject all bids," Untalan said. "What we have right now is a different type of process. It's a proposal. We're just wanting to know what is available out there," he added.

Eucon to accept NCLEX reviewers from Taiwan
Despite the lack of assistance from concerned local authorities, Eucon International College said it will continue to accept NCLEX reviewers on its campus on Saipan. This developed as at least 50 nursing students from Taiwan have expressed great interest to undergo NCLEX review at Eucon. "They're coming. There's a lot of them actually. We're accepting them as they come," Wei said in an interview Friday. Wei, earlier, said that Eucon's nursing program would be temporarily suspended following its failure to seek approval from the CNMI Board of Nurse Examiner to allow its students to take NCLEX on Saipan. Five Eucon students eventually took the licensure exam in Nevada last month.

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ADB funds still available to NMC
The Asian Development Bank is still open to the Northern Marianas College's application for financial assistance, according to Saipan-based ADB consultant Gary Baldwin. In an interview, Baldwin said the bank has actually approved NMC's proposed project, which amounts to $26 million. The NMC had applied for the loan/grant package last year but, by April this year, the college had said it would not materialize due to differences in goals. "Their objectives are different from us," NMC president Kenneth Wright had said. Baldwin, however, said that ADB had considered the project on one basic condition: for NMC to submit an educational accord between Micronesian colleges.

CUC board OKs $95K funding for Rota power
The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Board of Directors approved yesterday a $95,000 emergency funding for the purchase of two transformers for Rota. "This is already a lingering issue. It's been several months ago since we discussed this. And yet, we're still here," said board chair Herman P. Sablan. The motion to approve the $95,000 was voted on by the majority. Two members-Joseph Torres and Velma Palacios-abstained as they expressed their dissatisfaction over the handling of the issue.

Oct. 7, 2004

'NMI not losing revenue through tax credit'
Far less than 1 percent of the Commonwealth's total estimated revenue is "lost" through the educational tax credit, according to a group opposing a House bill that would repeal the ETC law. Coalition of Private Schools CNMI Inc. president Scott Norman said that, contrary to a statement in House Bill 14-238, the government is not losing substantial revenue as a result of the ETC. "Quite the contrary, the Commonwealth is putting money where it is needed most. The money is going directly to the schools. There is no loss in that arrangement," Norman said in a letter to Rep. Norman Palacios, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Fight vs drunk, drugged driving intensifies
The 3D-Drunk and Drugged Driving-committee said yesterday that it will be intensifying its fight against drunk and drugged driving to stem the high number of arrests of motorists driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The committee, comprising staff from the Department of Public Safety Traffic Section, met with other government agencies, including the Attorney General's Office, Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Saipan Mayor's Office, yesterday morning to discuss ways of educating the community against drunk and drugged driving. Plans for events this December-to be proclaimed Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month-include a mini-fair, presentations at schools and both government and private agencies, among others.

9 students fly to Japan for weeklong exchange program

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Participants of the cultural exchange program between the Saipan Mayor's Office and the International Youth Association of Japan KSKK pose for a group photo at the mayor's conference room on Wednesday. From left, executive secretary Vinycia Seman, Kiki Teregeyo, Emiri Iwai, Tasi Long, Zachary Taitano, Nicole Meyers, and Phalai Frink. The group left yesterday morning and will be back on Oct. 12.

Students participating in the cultural exchange program between the Saipan Mayor's Office and the International Youth Association of Japan KSKK are looking forward to varied experiences upon their arrival in Japan.

The nine students and two adult chaperones left for Japan on a morning flight yesterday.

Tasi Long, the 8-year-old lone Tinian resident among the students, said this trip would be his first time to travel to Japan without his family.

"I'm excited to see Disneyland and the culture of the Japanese," said Long who is now in third grade at the Grace Christian Academy.

Nicole Meyers, a sixth grader at Garapan Elementary School, said she looks forward to eating her favorite Japanese food: sushi and soba.

"I want to learn about the culture and just have fun," said Meyers, 11.

Mount Carmel school student Kiki Teregeyo, who turns 12 on Oct. 26, said she has been to Narita several times but only for transiting.

"I'll practice talking in Japanese and see how far I've been," said Teregeyo who has had two years of private lessons on the language.

Teregeyo added that she is thrilled to go sightseeing, "shopping," and to "wake up everybody."

Emiri Iwai, an MCS eighth grader, said she has been to different parts of Japan such as Yokohama and Osaka with her family "more than five times."

"I want to learn about the culture, learn new things and travel with someone other than family," said the 11-year-old Iwai.

Zachary Taitano, 12, said it's his first time to set foot in Japan. "I'm excited to learn about Japan and their language," said the eighth grader at MCS, adding that he plans to buy souvenirs for his family before coming home.

Phalai Frink, a freshman at Saipan International School, said she's been to Japan several times "with a big group of people," mostly relatives.

"I'm going for the food," said Frink, 14. Her favorite is sushi ramen. Frink added that she plans to brush up on her Japanese during the trip.

Vinycia Seman, the mayor's executive secretary who will accompany the students, is also excited about the trip, mainly because of the different yet wonderful personalities of the students. "I will treat them all as my own children and will ensure their safety at all times," she said.

The group will visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building Observatories, Ueno Zoo, Tokyo Disneyland, and the Shinjuku shopping district and will be staying with host families in Chiba, Ibaraki, and Tokyo cities from Oct. 8 to 10.

According to Seman, the CNMI students will wear lava lava and perform for their Japanese counterparts the song *Saipan* by KC Deleon Guerrero and a dance called *Deep Blue Sea* by Alex Sablan. She said Tinian's Long will also do a posterboard presentation about his island.

Seman said she's especially excited for those students who "have never step foot on a plane and to experience a whole different culture outside of Saipan."

"I hope the kids will leave Japan with a deeper appreciation of the Japanese people and their culture," said Seman. "In the meantime, let's also never forget those affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami that took place in March and continue to pray for all of them."

The group will fly back to the CNMI on Oct. 12.

Rota storm drain site red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the District No. 2 storm drain on Rota and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from this site had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 12 locations on Rota. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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The brat ban

After a Pennsylvania restaurant made headlines this summer by banning children under age 6, the Yahoo! Shine website asked its readers: "Are kid-free restaurants a great idea or flat-out wrong?"

Responders skipped right over the real question to list the many other places where children shouldn't be allowed. Movie theaters. Grocery stores. Airplanes. Disney World. That last one was a joke … we think.

In four days, the site got more than 20,000 comments. The biggest camps by far were the people who are fed up with small people who whine, cry, run around and poop their pants in public and the people whose own children never, ever do any of that.

Lost in the din were the normal parents of normal children. All they ask is a little indulgence: Do we have to limit our dining options to Chuck E. Cheese? Do you really expect us to hire a baby sitter while we buy groceries? Can't you at least cut us some slack on the airplane thing?

The no-kids-allowed movement, aka the Brat Ban, is gaining momentum, driven by quiet-seeking adults who want to prohibit children from everything from concerts to public transportation to Facebook. Demographics tell the story: The U.S. has more empty-nesters and more childless couples than ever before. One in five women choose not to have children.

We understand why adults who want to enjoy a quiet restaurant meal object to parents who drop the leash and order a cocktail while their kids run screaming about the place. We understand about that cocktail, too.

So we're happy to see the growing list of options for the child-averse: Adult swim. Theaters that have separate kids and no-kids screenings of the same movie. Quiet cars on the train. And yes, kid-free restaurants.

Some Whole Foods stores have child-free shopping hours, with activities to keep the kids busy while the grown-ups forage for cage-free eggs. For a real getaway, there's leavethembehind.com, a website that specializes in kid-free vacation destinations.

But sometimes there's no escape. On airplanes, for example. Every parent who's ever checked a stroller on the jetway has seen the looks of consternation from fellow passengers, even before the baby has made a peep. "Find a more child-friendly mode of travel," one air traveler sniffed on the Shine post. Selfish, whiny, immature—no, we're not talking about the baby.

Frequent-flying moms have learned to carry big packages of foam earplugs to share with seatmates; if the airlines were smart, they'd stock up, too. Individual passengers would be wise to bring their own, if they can't bear the sound of wailing.

There are few things more unnerving than being trapped in a flying tube with a screaming infant. But babies have to go places, too.

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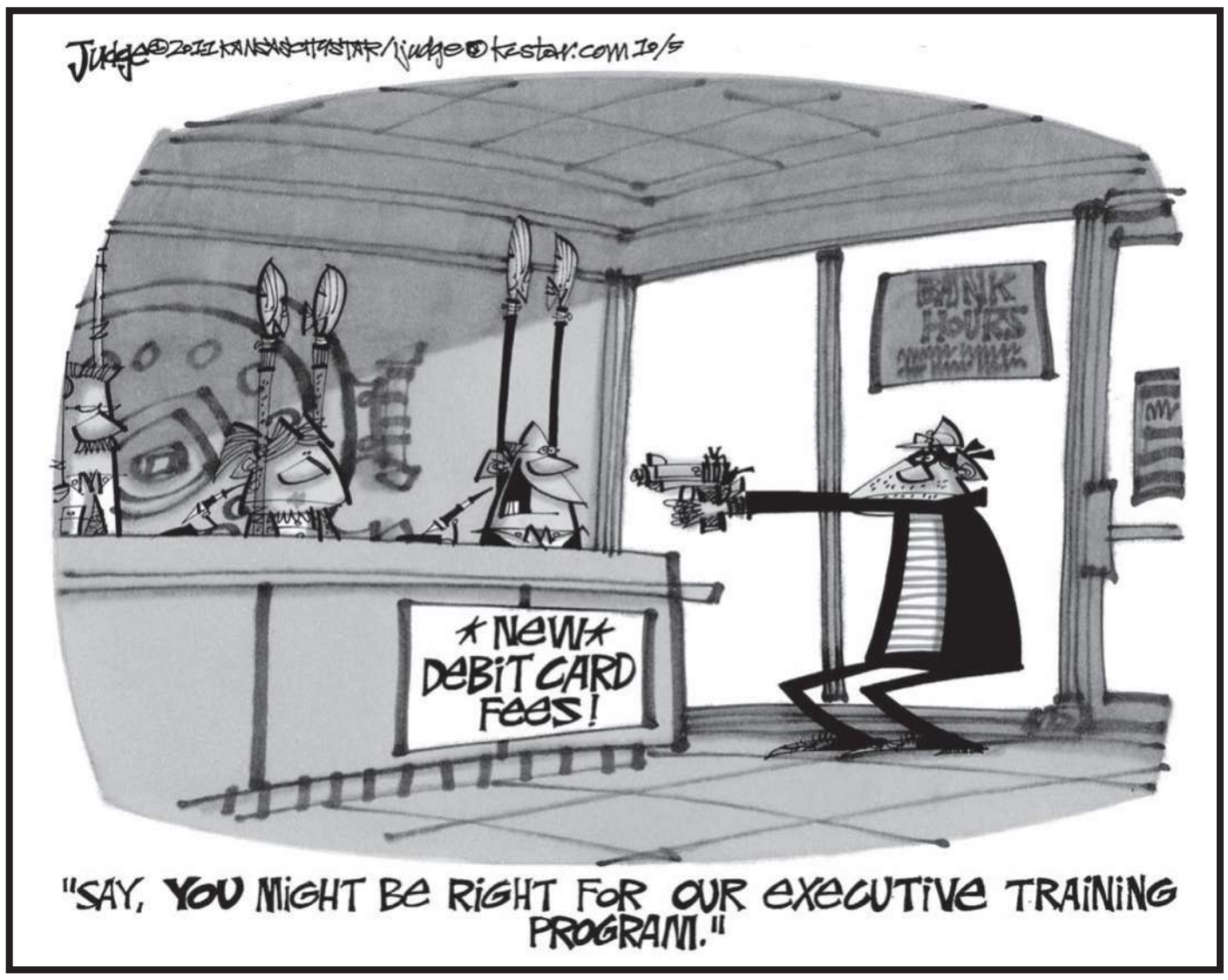

JOBS

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Tribune

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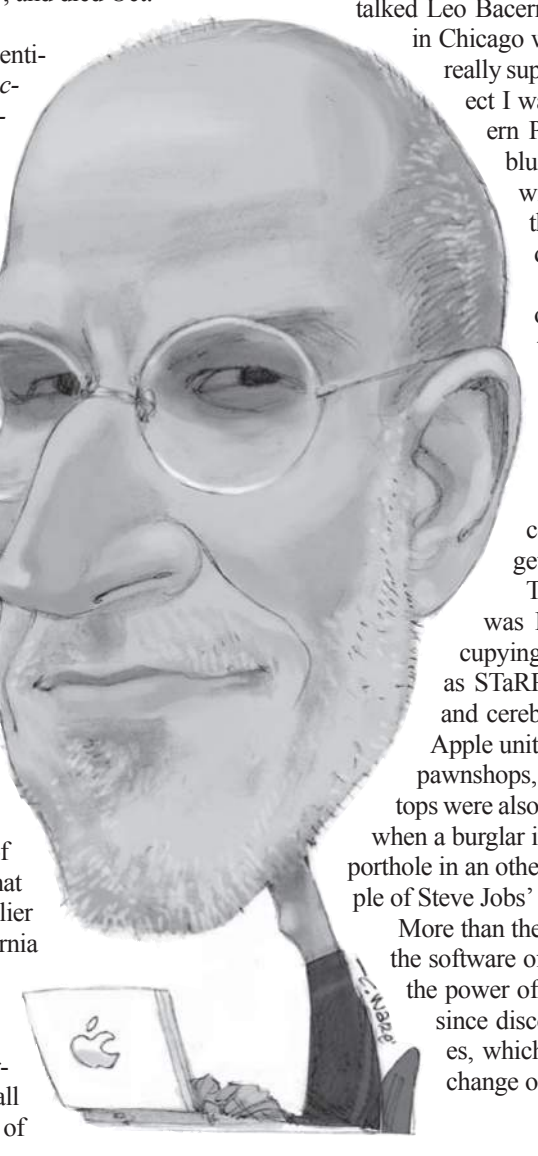
It would be easy to assume that we have become "relevant" by jumping into the hot topic of "jobs," both in the Commonwealth and the financial market of the American enterprise system. Being favorably partial to the Obama administration, we would echo the Obama jobs bill as simply a minute adjustment to a great need that is now facing the American household with an almost 10 percent national unemployment level of its population.

Jobs, it is, but a little bit of the flesh-and-blood type, and we go straight to the Obama White House's attempt at a *requiem* for Steve Jobs, aka Stephen Paul Jobs, born Feb. 24, 1955, and died Oct. 5, 2011.

The White House's press release mirrors our sentiment: *"By building one of the planet's most successful companies from his garage, he exemplified the spirit of American ingenuity. By making computers personal and putting the Internet in our pockets, he made the information revolution not only accessible, but intuitive and fun. And by turning his talents to storytelling, he has brought joy to millions of children and grownups alike. Steve was fond of saying that he lived every day like it was his last. Because he did, he transformed our lives, redefined entire industries, and achieved one of the rarest feats in human history: he changed the way each of us sees the world.*



American ingenuity is affirmed at a time when some are claiming that competition, particularly in the field of solar energy, America cannot compete with China.

Making the information revolution *accessible* was what first caught my eye in the summer of 1976 when I first heard of Apple while teaching a course in Redlands SoCal, and the two Steves were known to have tinkered in their garage. The marketing that registered was the promise to bring the "library of Alexandria into every home." Having used that line ourself in convincing families 10 years earlier in the foothills around the Bay Area of California to acquire an encyclopedia for their young children, I was convinced the Steves were unto something.

With a couple of Apple IIs at Trans Atoll Service Corporation (TASC) in Majuro, the Marshall Islands, I was sure the *intuitive* touch and *fun* of the powerball was going to make a run of IBM's money. I actually talked Leo Bacerra, an Ilonggo colleague then living in Chicago who died not too long ago, that if he really supported the human development project I was running on Mactan Island, southern Pea Eye at the time, he can use his blue plastic card and get me a machine with a graphic interface to high-kick the project beyond charity work. He did and we did.

I actually owned a couple of the original clunky Classics and the Portable Macs, along with everything else from the original Apple to the Mac Powerbook, and had I the foresight, might have kept them in our Honolulu garage where I might be walking with heavier pockets considering what my nephew could get on eBay for them.

That would not be the case. Not only was I broken into nine times while occupying the old CK Head Start building as STaRPO for the autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy families, with some fancy Apple units carted out to the ubiquitous Saipan pawnshops, but two of our treasured Mac laptops were also lifted out of an Oleai rental dwelling when a burglar inserted himself into a tiny bathroom porthole in an otherwise secured room to lift out a couple of Steve Jobs' electronics.

More than the hardware, Steve was way ahead on the software of the brain and mind. Understanding the power of images, as pedagogical science has since discovered, people operate out of images, which determines their behavior, and the change of image, particularly of a revolution-

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Tablets, take two

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Yikes! It seems I grabbed a tiger by the tongue when I looked at tablet computers in last week's column. I don't usually like to hammer the same topic twice in a row, but based on this week's e-mail it seems to be a hot topic. Well, why not? Things have been quiet for two years on the Saipan tech front. There's been so little to get excited about. So let's relish the action now, though I'll probably have to rehash a little information just to keep things cohesive.

Of course, for openers, mobile computing has always been a strong suit of the Saipan lifestyle, be it web surfing over breakfast in a local restaurant, or taking a computer to Asia and beyond for business travel.

For a lot of people, though, a computer is overkill. They just want to see the Web and do similar tasks. Meanwhile, nobody I know wants to over-invest in tech, things are too tight for that.

So I shouldn't have been surprised that Amazon's $199 Kindle Fire tablet, is apparently finding its way onto a lot of holiday shopping lists. (In last week's column I simply called it the "Fire," but the full name is "Kindle Fire.") One attraction of the gig is that it allows users to instantly buy and download electronic books (and other stuff) from Amazon, an attribute it shares with its sibling devices from Amazon.

We've got a fuzzy overlap to heed, incidentally, including some rehash from last week which I'll confine to one paragraph. On one hand, there are dedicated e-readers, the most famous of which is the Amazon Kindle (that's plain old "Kindle," as separate and distinct from "Kindle Fire"). These have monochrome screens that use "electronic ink," which is very easy on the eyes, looks pretty much like normal book print, and consumes very little battery power. Tablet computers, by contrast, such as the Kindle Fire, use color LCD screens. The upside is that they can be used not only for e-books, but also for viewing the Web, movies, games, and so on. The downside is that they use more electricity than electronic ink, and they also lack its crisp, eye-friendly, print-like appearance.

An alert *Tribune* reader sent me a news story that estimates that 24 million tablets will be sold this year. Holy smokes, I had no idea the market was that hot. That's pretty close to the expected tally of 29 million for notebook computer for the year. Forrester Research was cited as the source for these estimates.

Meanwhile, I caught a story that says Amazon might have sold 250,000 Kindle Fire tablets in its first week on the market, which is to say, since last week. There is endless discussion about whether the Kindle Fire will be serious competition for Apple's iPad, but you can consult the Web for that stuff, since the Web is pretty well-suited for endless discussions.

Yet another reader made this observation, which I think summarizes the gig pretty well. She said that tablets are good for consuming media, but they are not ideal for producing it.

But recently I encountered a potentially productive use for a tablet. One of my friends saw me herding two ungainly boxes worth of Chinese flash cards into my attaché, and asked why I don't just computerize that stuff and use a tablet for the gig.

Well, in fact, I had started to computerize some of that information a couple of years ago. But using a computer proved to be every bit as ungainly as using physical cards is.

However, if I had a nimble little tablet at hand, hey, that's a mighty interesting idea. True, I have no idea how to do that in the Android operating system that is commonly used on the lower-priced tablets. It must be a common enough task, though, since there are all sorts of applications on the Web being showcased for making flash cards.

And for this use, a small screen would be handier, hence more useful, than the bigger-screen (and more expensive) tablets. If I had confidence that the software side of things would work out, I could drop a couple of hundred bucks into the hardware side of things. The next step, if I'm logical about things, will be to get the software to make flash cards, then find somebody with an Android device so I can test the concept before buying a tablet. Such are the complexities of trying to simplify things.

If I do join the tablet craze it will be Chinese flash cards that pushed me there. Well, that and e-mail from some *Tribune* readers who are, alas, far ahead of me on this topic. This is a good combination of factors since many folks on Saipan are, in fact, studying various languages, including Chinese. I don't know if I'll make any progress in the tablet and flash card realm, but if I do, I'll let you know.

Inevitable: Action vs careers

By JOHN DELROSARIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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There's the direct relationship between actions taken or otherwise by politicians that carve or dictate their political demise. The future of an imperiled Fund—payless paydays for retirees, loss of health care, brutal austerity, killer surcharge fees, spikes in price of basic consumer goods, among others—are issues that voters will definitely recall when they next visit polling places. A good majority of them would be very unhappy campers.

Inconsequence and inactions plus bad policies do not make for good economics. It rushes further south as politicians watch in awe how their zero-sum performances have literally fallen below mediocrity. Well, you were given the baton to run yet you were confused of your goal post when you hit ground. Follow us, we'll show you the way—out! Consider the evidence:

"When President Gerald Ford entered office, the economy was in the midst of the serious 1974-75 recession. Responding, he offered income-tax rebate. Congress added a one-time, $50 increase in Social Security benefits and, to bolster the sagging housing market, a one-time tax credit for new homebuyers. The rebate caused only a temporary blip in consumer spending. Economic growth rose to 9 percent in the first quarter of 1976 but then dropped to only 2 percent in the third quarter, and unemployment started rising.

"Congress enacted a second stimulus plan in July 1976 over Ford's veto. It authorized grants to state and local governments designed to prevent layoffs of public employees or tax increases. This plan also failed to produce the promised stimulus. The economic pause of 1976 was enough to swing the election to Jimmy Carter and cause more incumbent senators to lose their seats than in any election in nearly 20 years.

"President Carter took office and by the end of his first month proposed another stimulus plan, which he said would 'restore consumer confidence and consumer purchasing power.' His plan called for another round of one-time tax rebates and Social Security bonus payments, federal public infrastructure grants and countercyclical aid to state and local governments.

"The recovery was not sustained and the economy fell into recession in January 1980. The failing economy combined with rapidly rising inflation doomed Mr. Carter's re-election chances, along with the Democratic Party's control of the Senate and 33 Democratic seats in the House.

"President Reagan rejected temporary stimulus measures and instead proposed permanent income-tax rate reductions. His tax program, in conjunction with steady monetary policy begun by Paul Volcker, produced the promised results.

"By late 1982 the recession was over and in early 1983 employment and investment began to rise rapidly. In 1984, it was 'Morning in America' and Reagan was overwhelmingly re-elected. Nearly two decades of strong, steady, noninflationary economic growth ensued.

"The success of Reagan's permanent tax-rate reductions, juxtaposed against the clear failure of his predecessors' temporary Keynesian stimulus measures, put the Keynesian approach on the back burner. The extent to which temporary stimulus measures fell into disfavor is evident from President Bill Clinton's first year in office."

Mirroring the national political landscape with local conditions, there's nothing here to adjust in hopes of spurring economic recovery or growth. Ours is a near-total loss of foreign capital that has gone home or south permanently. The apparel industry is history while tourism is swaying dangerously at the base. Caught with our pants down, there's daze and gray haze everywhere.

It's a bit too late to attempt making a difference even with real cooperation. The situation simply deteriorated consistently and doesn't offer much hope for career recovery, especially for current politicians. People won't forget what they had to endure under your charge and several elections isn't going to change the powerful stench of neglect from you and the consequence of having to force your people to live in apocalyptic abject poverty. In brief, you've turned paradise into a hellish hole. We're ready to reciprocate with the tip of our pencil soon!

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A couple was dragged into court for failure to make payments on a loan. Neither one of them is working having been axed by the company when the rough got going. The couple lived on $100 food stamps with their kids. In court, they were asked to pay $50 per month to clear their utility bill. The husband conveyed that $30 is a more reasonable figure for he does lawn mower service on weekends. Asked if he could continue paying for his power bill, he related that he doesn't have any power for the last two years. Friends, this is an example of life in paradise that makes you wonder if this is what our destitute people bargained for—joblessness and misery. Think about it. Si JR.

Pooling resources for the greater good—and not always liking it

By DANIEL AKST
NEWSDAY

One of the many barriers to recovery from a financial crisis is that prudent people end up having to pay for the greed and stupidity of others. It's not fair. But it's inevitable. When the federal government launches a big stimulus package, for example, it must sooner or later tax the lucky and the prudent (the only people with money) to pay for it. Of course, some in need of help are victims of misfortune. But often it's hard to sort the culpable from the blameless. The prudent feel entitled to be resentful, but perhaps they too are merely lucky in their prudence.

Ultimately it makes no difference. There's just no getting around the need to have some people pay for others at times if we're to head off a complete economic collapse. As it turns out, that's especially problematic in America. Indeed, even before the financial crisis, Americans have been less willing than voters in other affluent countries to approve social safety-net programs.

Why? Americans traditionally believe that people's economic troubles are of their own making. In a famous study titled "Why Doesn't the United States Have a European-Style Welfare State?," the economists Alberto Alesina, Edward Glaeser and Bruce Sacerdote pointed out that in Europe, the poor are overwhelmingly considered unfortunate.

In America, they are perceived as lazy.

The American notion that we each make our own fate is probably useful in motivating us to work hard. But it's not so helpful when there is no work.

Sadly, our racial and ethnic diversity probably makes us particularly unwilling to bail one another out. Diversity is often seen as an American strength, and there is evidence that it promotes innovation and productivity, which makes all of us richer. But the political scientist Robert Putnam has found that diversity also undermines trust, voluntarism, political engagement and community involvement.

Even members of the same ethnic group reported lower trust in more diverse areas. These findings were a source of anguish to Putnam, who struggled to see if they could be explained by other factors. But they couldn't, and other studies yield similar results. Greater diversity is linked with lower census response rates, for instance, and lower school funding—both indicators of civic-mindedness.

America is growing more ethnically and racially diverse. It is already a lot more diverse than it was a generation ago. And in all likelihood, this plays a role in our reluctance to help one another with a more extensive social safety net. As Alesina and his colleagues put it, "Racial heterogeneity within the United States is one of the most important reasons why the welfare state in America is small."

But why don't people like to help those who are different? It's not just racism. Humans probably evolved to make sharp distinctions between those in the clan and those not. Red Sox and Yankees fans do the same, regardless of race. In the long run, intermarriage may turn the American mosaic back into a melting pot.

For now, voters are more likely to support the kind of universal programs they perceive as insurance rather than welfare, which is reserved for the neediest. Social Security is an example. We pay for one another. Yet we support it anyway, because we're all in it together.

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Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Yap	Rain	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲83	▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲82	▼74
Kosrae	Rain	▲82	▼77
Majuro	Rain	▲82	▼77

Around The Globe

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Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲84	▼78
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼77
London	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼49
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼52
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87	▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲66	▼55
Miami	Showers	▲87	▼77
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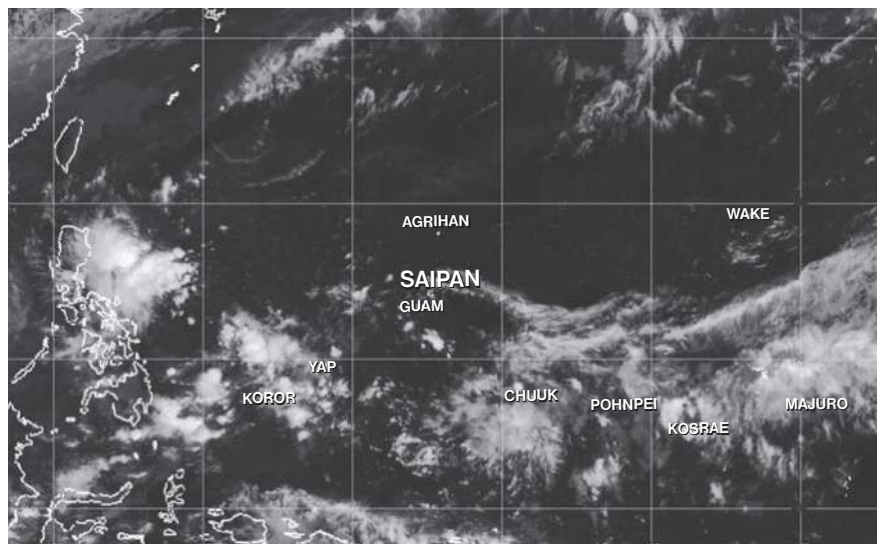

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:24 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
10:22 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
5:17 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Saturday	6:07 AM	6:02 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM
Tuesday	6:08 AM	6:00 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:49 PM	1:59 AM
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Monday	4:40 PM	4:24 AM
Tuesday	5:17 PM	5:10 AM

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5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
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C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
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C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

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OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

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3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
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C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
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C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Letters to the Editor

Public Works and safety concerns

I don't have time to write like I used to but while riding my Trike I have noticed some issues that I must highlight because of safety issues. The first concern is the intersection in San Vicente that seems to have been forgotten about when it was almost completed. This intersection connects two major roads that are heavily traveled—yet the intersection seems to have been abandoned as no work has been done to complete the intersection for almost half-a-year. Although there are markers and dividers in place, the road is still partly blocked with cones and the light is not working. It is not a safe intersection in its present state and should not have been left in an incomplete state for this length of time. Many millions are being spent on this project and at the very least we should get better service with minimal inconveniences. I hope the person in charge of this project for the CNMI will say something to the contractors to finish the intersection *before* they tear up the Kagman intersection and we will have two half-done intersections.

Another thing I noticed was the school bus stop being torn down in San Vicente but nothing was built to replace it. I haven't passed there in the mornings to see where these students are picked up but if they don't have a proper bus stop, it will surely be another example of poor service for the bucks that are being spent.

Finally, I noticed a new sidewalk in Kagman III being built for students to get to and from school and for the public use. My concern is the sidewalk goes through a *"jungle"* area that cannot be seen from the street, which makes it an ideal place for an ambush, robbery, or worse. I also don't see any light poles going up. It is vital to the safety of everyone that will use this sidewalk for it to be visible from the street and even lighted. The sidewalk is truly needed and I think it is great, especially since it is about 10 years late. Sidewalks are meant to keep pedestrians safe but the sidewalk through the jungle is worse than no sidewalk at all. There is a fence on one side but fences don't stop criminals. All the trees on the street side of the sidewalk *must* be cut down, especially when the trees are growing in what was meant to be a water catchment or reservoir. If you think walking on the side of the road is dangerous, then walking on the new sidewalk hidden from view through the jungle will be like *jumping from the frying pan into the fire*. Please fix this *before* the sidewalk is finished and *before* something happens so I won't have to say I told you so.

P.S.: The powers-that-be have been trying to push the casino down our throats for almost an entire decade now. We said no twice and they act like they didn't even hear their bosses (voters). We are being asked again, now that the powers-that-be have allowed things to get worse just to make us say yes. Well, I told readers this would happen over four years ago and here it is, looking us right in the face. Voters need to know that there is no magic bullet and to put your future and faith in a casino is a sign of poor judgment that is clearly not in the best interest of the CNMI, only the handful that are promoting the casino because everyone knows how things really work here, it is no secret. I told you they would make it so hard for us that many would give in to the casino but we must stay strong and send the message that we want economic reforms not casinos. Reforms like the repealing of Article 12, which would do more for the CNMI than any casino.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Trash it!

Let me applaud Brian Lee Reyes for speaking out in regards to the bill that proposes a choice in singing our national anthem. This is one insensitive bill and I will ask that it be junked! At every ceremony, every event and at schools, this choice will rise and believe me, many will get hurt or pissed off if their version is not chosen. We don't need the silent anger and the friction that this bill will create. Trash it!

Florence Selepeo Kirby
Capital Hill, Saipan

JOBS

From Page 10

ary kind, results in radical change. When behavioral change happens, history changes.

Storytelling with dynamic visuals accompanied Steve's signature. Pixar and Walt Disney became his platforms and the joy his craft has brought to children and adults around the world is immeasurable. The widespread use of animation in many platforms is changing the way subjects are taught, classroom architecture are designed, and curriculum lesson plans are orchestrated. We laud Rita Sablan and Kilili's office checklist in this regard.

It was back in 2005 that Jobs revealed some of his thoughts on his finitude and his relationship to mortality at a commencement address not too far from his home in Palo Alto at Stanford University. He told students: *"Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose."* He had a profound handle on the software of the heart, and the operating system of human ontology, a refreshing fresh air off a secular garage that is more lucid than the arcane wisdom of worldwide religion.

Ten years our junior in chronological time, he revolutionized not only the way we see life, but more importantly, the way we live it. I hack this reflection from the cold winds of *Dong Bei* for the readers on the tropical waves of Western Pacific, a no small measure of Steve Jobs' doing, knowing and being.

Steve Jobs. He is gone. He is here. I am.

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MVA to launch new English website at Oct. 11 meeting

The Marianas Visitors Authority reports 50,000 hits in August 2011 to its Japanese- and Korea-language websites, the countries of origin of 75 percent of all visitors to this beach resort destination. The MVA will also introduce its new English website to its membership at its Oct. 11 General Membership Meeting. This project has been underway for several months now and is nearing completion. Russia and China, which account for most of the remaining visitor arrivals, also have language specific websites for travelers to find information about Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The MVA's offshore websites are maintained by web professionals in Japan and Korea.

In August 2011, there were over 40,000 hits to the Japanese site japan.mymarianas.com and approximately 8,000 visits to the Korea-language website mymarianas.co.kr. Both websites are updated with current news, promotions, and travel information several times a month.

Tenorio

"In prioritizing our available funding, the MVA has created and now maintains and regularly updates websites for customers in our primary markets of Japan and Korea," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "Having a digital presence in those key countries is not optional, due to their importance to our overall arrival numbers and the web-savvy nature of the residents there."

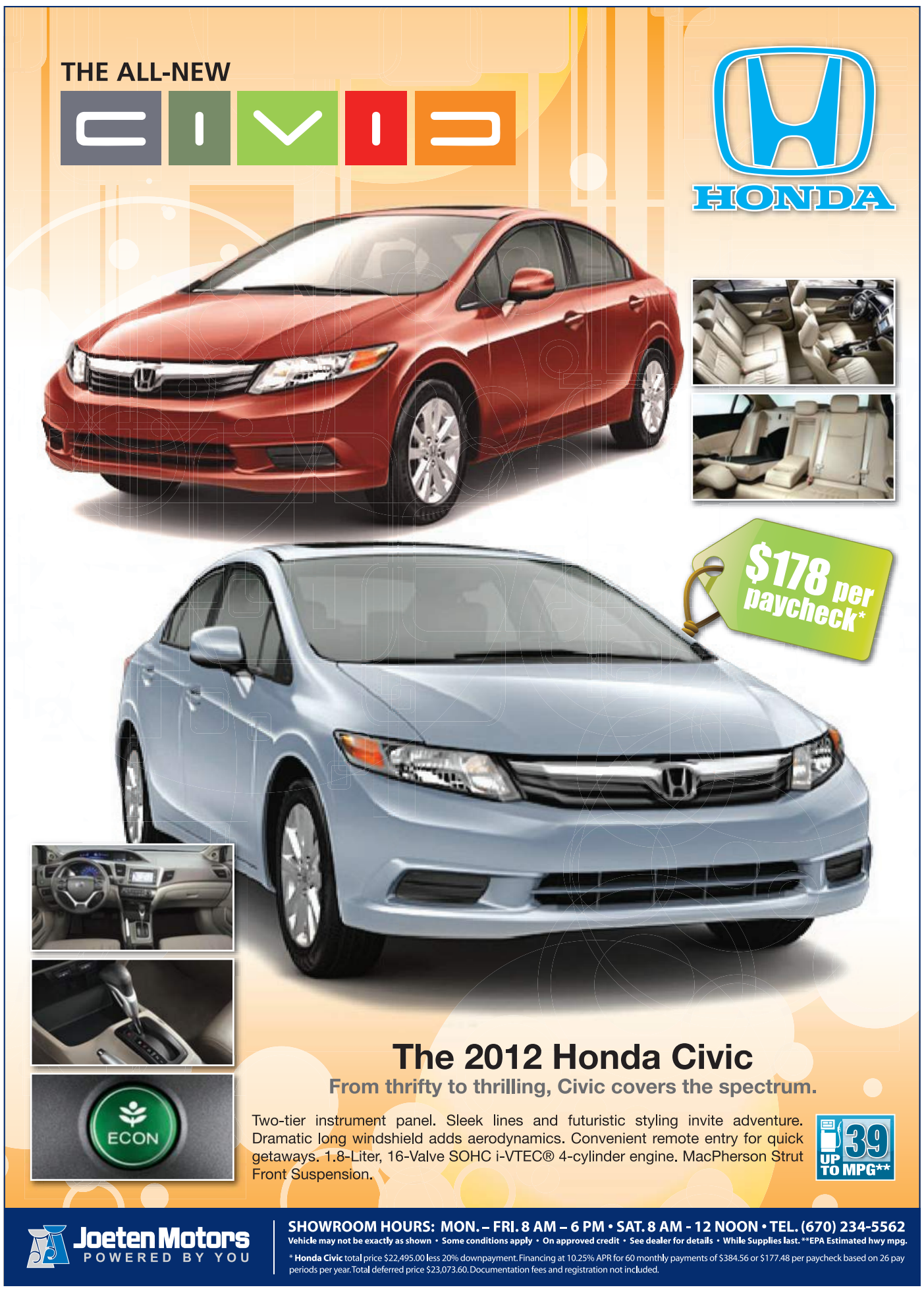
The MVA also maximizes its web marketing by utilizing search engine optimization and search engine marketing to achieve a higher rank for the MVA Japan and Korea websites in major search engines such as Yahoo! Japan, Google and Bing (previously MSN Live Search).

On these three major search engines, the MVA's Japan website ranks among the top three hits when Internet users search terms including: Saipan, Saipan Island, Saipan Sightseeing, Saipan map, Tinian hotel, Tinian Golf, Rota Golf, Northern Mariana Islands, Mariana Islands, and Saipan spa.

"It's true that less than 3 percent of our visitors speak English as a first language," said Tenorio. "Both websites marketing to our primary tourism markets are up-to-date, and we now have been focusing our limited funding on a new and more interactive English-language website. We look forward to introducing key elements of that to our members next week, followed by a public launching sometime this month. We are also developing sites on You Tube, Facebook, and Twitter to expose those markets to the Northern Marianas."

As already available in Japan and Korea, MVA members will have the opportunity to promote their businesses on the English website, as well. For more information on MVA membership benefits, contact Val Tenorio at vtenorio@mymarianas.com or John Palacios at jpalacios@mymarianas.com or call (670) 664-3210.

The MVA's general membership meeting on Oct. 11 will begin at 10am at Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort and Spa. ***(MVA)***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Lack of sewer hampers dog kennel project

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The lack of a sewer system is hampering the construction of the dog shelter facility at its proposed site in Lower Base Drive, according to Mayor Donald G. Flores.

He said there was no existing sewer system in place at the site, which used to be occupied by a small garment manufacturer called Saipan Manufacturer's Inc.

"I was anticipating that it [sewer] was in front of the building and the latest report and inspection from [Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] is that there is no sewer system in place there," Flores told *Saipan Tribune*.

Flores

Besides the lack of sewer system, Flores said they are also waiting for permits from concerned agencies such as the Zoning Office, the Division of Environmental Quality, and CUC.

"We have done everything in our part such as submit our requests," he said.

Emphasizing the need for the sewer system, Flores said they would ask CUC to start work on addressing the situation.

Unless the sewer system is in place, he said the memorandum of agreement between the Mayor's Office and the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, whose students will help in the construction of the actual facility, will not be finalized.

Flores said that he will soon meet again with NMTI officials and representatives to continue discussions on the MOA and the construction of the facility, which would follow a design approved by the Department of Public Works.

The site will be used to house impounded and stray dogs.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Air Force, Navy training on FDM, Warning Area-517

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

- Oct. 7, from 1pm to 11:59pm
- Oct. 8, from 7am to 2pm

The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Oct. 4-5, from 8:30amm to 4:30pm.

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(USN)***

Friends of the Arts membership meeting

The Friends of the Arts will have its first membership meeting of the year at the Taste of India/Templa this Tuesday evening, Oct. 11, beginning at 6:30pm. Enjoy some delicious Indian cuisine and great entertainment provided by FOA and Thespian performers. In addition, the board will bring give an update about their planning retreat this past summer and with the calendar of all of events for this upcoming season with the chance to purchase season tickets.

The cost of the meal will be the same as our other meetings: $15 for adults and young adults 12 and above, $8 for youngsters 5 up to 11, and no cost for the little ones 4 and younger. Again, please send an e-mail to Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com to confirm. ***(FOA)***

FSM Congress confirms FSM's first woman ambassador

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The 17th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has confirmed the FSM's first woman ambassador.

Jane Jimmy Chigiyal was confirmed to the position of FSM's Permanent Representative to the United Nations for which she becomes the first woman Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia. Chigiyal is among the most senior members of the Department of Foreign Affairs with extensive background in the foreign services. Prior to her nomination to the UN, Chigiyal served as the Deputy Secretary for the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Congress also took up the President's nominations for his Cabinet positions, heads of agencies and offices of the national government along with the posts for FSM representatives abroad, 23 nominations altogether. ***(PR)***

Learn how to submit parole-in-place applications

The Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is hosting a workshop on parole-in-place on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, at American Memorial Park. The workshop will begin at 1pm, and a repeat session will begin at 3pm. It is for parole-in-place for ONLY those foreign nationals related to U.S. citizens: namely those who are 1) spouses or widows/widowers of citizens or 2) parents of citizens or 3) children of citizens of the United States of America. The purpose of the session is simply to help get information out and help people utilize the process as successfully as they can.

Each workshop will be conducted in English. Each workshop is limited by the capacity of the auditorium at American Memorial Park. If there are no auditorium seats available, the sessions will be closed. For more information, contact the Marianas Office at 234-6243. ***(PR)***

Transfer station, landfill closed on Monday

In observance of the Commonwealth Cultural Day, the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi landfill will be closed on Monday, Oct. 10, 2011. ***(PR)***

Dog tag registration in Dandan

The dog tag registration is being held at the Dandan fire station from Oct. 3 to 13 (closed Fridays). However, beginning Monday, Oct. 10, the dog tag registration will also be available at the Saipan Mayor's Office in Afetna. ***(PR)***

KCC offers online language learning service

The Korean Cultural Center-Mariana Islands is providing Korean Language Society services. This method can be a kind of online service, so-called "ubiquitous learning," and is a very effective and convenient way of learning, said center president Daniel Huh. Students can receive various materials and free question-and-answer services. All you have to do is to send a self-introductory letter to kccmarianas@gmail.com. The center has been providing Korean language school and culture class programs at several places since 2009. Contact (670)285-2221, 256-2221 or kccmarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

MVA membership meeting set

The Marianas Visitors Authority will have its general membership meeting on Oct. 11, at 10am at Fiesta Resort & Spa. The guest speakers will be Mufi Hannemann, former mayor of Honolulu, speaking on "Building a Stronger Tourism Community," and Lynn Knight of Management Analysis Inc., who will provide an update on the new NMI Tourism Master Plan scheduled for completion this year. ***(PR)***

UOG nursing student application deadline on Oct. 7

Pre-nursing students must submit their applications for admission to the University of Guam School of Nursing and Health Sciences 200 level courses for the spring 2012 semester on Oct. 7, 2011. Applicants must see their advisors and complete the admission application form and worksheet for placement. Students must have a grade point average of 2.7 or better and must complete of all prerequisites by Fall 2011. (For more information, see policy on Admission to the Nursing Major and Priority Enrollment into Nursing Courses.)Spring Nursing major courses: NU202B, NU203B, NU204B, NU205B, NU207B. ***(UOG)***

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Island Snapshots

NEW NAME

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial leads members of the Rabauliman's family and other government officials and guests in a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially rename of the Head Start Center in Garapan to the Joaquina M. Rabauliman Head Start Center on Sept. 29, 2011. The event was followed by the unveiling of the center's new signage and a latte stone that signifies what the Head Start program does: building the foundation of a student's life.

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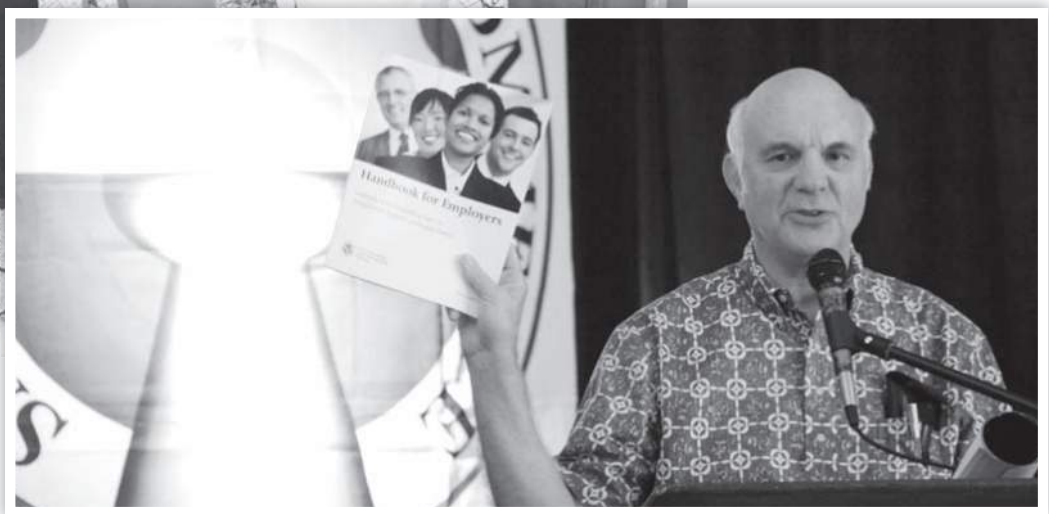

CHAMBER SPEAKER

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services district director David Gulick addresses members and guests of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce during their general membership meeting Wednesday at Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

First Hawaiian Bank president and chief operating officer Bob Harrison, left, and Transpacific Group of Companies president Johnnie Fong, right, present a giant check worth $5,490 in scholarships through the Businesswoman of the Year program to Northern Marianas College students Marie Luise Del Carmen and Jatanna Sherise Cabrera in an awarding ceremony at the First Hawaiian Bank Gualo Rai branch on Wednesday. Also in photo is Lydia Parks, mother of student Keneisha who was not able to make it to the ceremony.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

ANTI-POLLUTION DRIVE

Division of Environmental Quality Non Point Source Pollution Program manager Fran Castro, squatting right, and education and outreach coordinator Jihan Buniag, squatting left, clean the area where they will put the label for a storm drain marking in front of Victoria Hotel across the American Memorial Park in Garapan yesterday morning.

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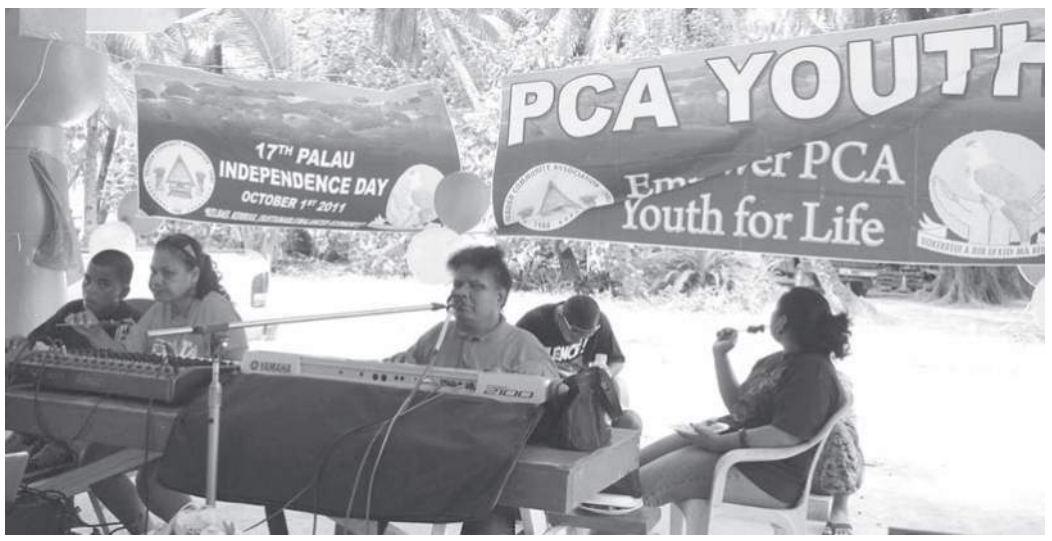

INDEPENDENCE DAY

A Palauan artist performs a song number as members of the Palauan Community Association enjoy their meals during the 17th Palau Independence Day celebration at the Laly 4 Chalan Kanoa Beach on Oct. 1, 2011.

CLARISSA DAVID

BOARD MEETING

Members of the Board of Regents listen to Dr. Sharon Hart as the president delivers her report during Friday's board meeting on campus. From left are regents Andrew Orsini, Frank Rabauliman, William Torres, Malua Peter, and Elaine Orilla.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

ENERGY AWARENESS

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, seated left, is flanked by Energy Division director Thelma Inos, left, and Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan after the governor signed a proclamation on Friday last week declaring October 2011 CNMI Energy Awareness Month.

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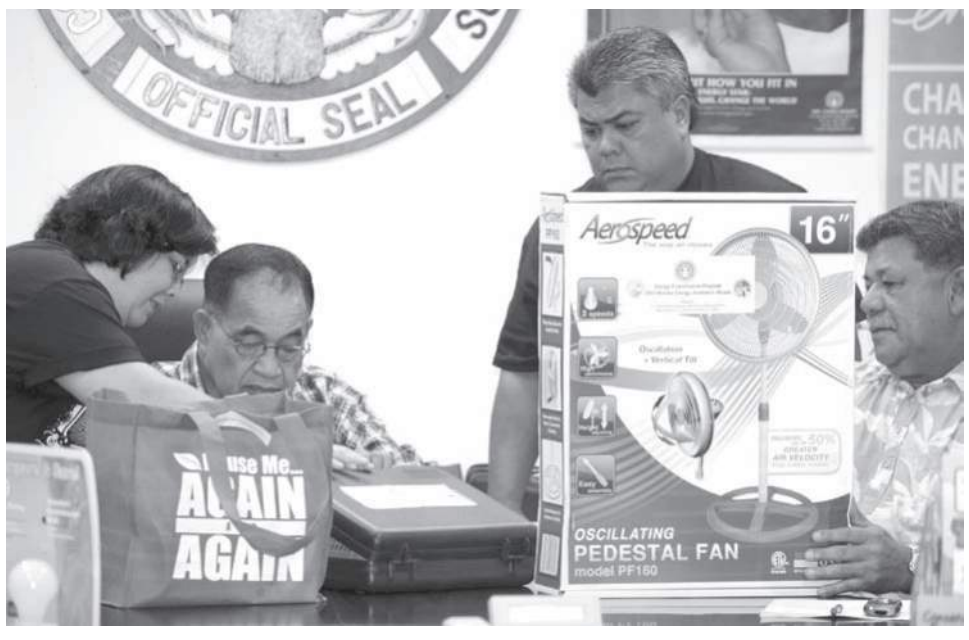

Grand jury indicts CUC applicant on wire fraud charges

David P. Preston, an applicant for the position of Drinking Water and Wastewater Division manager of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, has been indicted in wire fraud charges, according to Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, yesterday.

The indictment charges the defendant with four counts of wire fraud.

Limtiaco

Preston was arrested in Houston, Texas, on Oct. 4, 2011, and will face removal proceedings to the District of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The indictment alleges that defendant obtained monies by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, and by omissions of material facts. Preston allegedly sent by fax transmission his employment application, which contained false information to the CUC, caused CUC to expend monies toward his salary, and moving expenses, and the wire transfer of funds from the CUC to his personal bank account.

Wire fraud carries a maximum prison term of 20 years and a fine of up to $250,000.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Office of the Inspector General conducted this investigation, with assistance from the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. ***(PR)***

Aging Center eyes tennis court

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REPORTER

The Office on Aging is looking at building a tennis court on a piece of land beside the Aging Center to promote physical fitness among senior citizens.

Both the Office on Aging and the neighboring Joaquina M. Rabauliman Head Start Center have claimed rights to the property.

But Aging director Rose Mondala said she received word from Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao that the property is owned by the Office on Aging.

Mondala said having a tennis court will help the *man'amko* stay active and become healthy in the process.

"I want to see you guys stick it out here longer," Mondala told the senior citizens at one of their daily assemblies at the Aging Center.

Should the construction of a tennis court facility push through, tennis would become an additional sport for the *man'amko*. At the moment, the congregates play ground golf, softball, and billiards.

Mondala said that maintaining an active lifestyle would help prevent dementia among senior citizens. "The *man'amko* have to eat right and be active to stay healthy," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Mondala noted, however, that the congregates will have to be checked if they are healthy enough to play tennis before they are allowed to do so. "We want to ensure the safety of the *man'amko* first."

Program coordinator Walter Manglona also disclosed plans to plant trees on the property so it wouldn't be too hot for the *man'amko*.

While they already have tennis racquets, Manglona said they need tennis balls because the ones they have were stored for a while and have become moldy.

Manglona noted that their tennis games would not be as intense as a regular game. "We want to come up with a game for the *man'amko* to make it easier for them to play," he explained. "Right now, safety is key. They can play as far as their physical ability can allow them."

Mondala

The proposed tennis court is being eyed as a "multi-purpose facility" where the congregates can also hold other outdoor activities. "We'll lock it up to make sure that vandals don't come and mess it up," he said.

Manglona said they will also set up a portable basketball court at the tennis court to encourage shooting among the elderly who are still able to play the sport.

Meanwhile, Manglona said the Office on Aging is working with the Division of Sports and Recreation to allow the *man'amko* to use the division's facilities. He said this is a welcome development as they plan to train in softball to form a team so that the *man'amko* can compete against a Guam team "hopefully next year."

Guam aircraft company sued for alleged religious discrimination

HAGATNA, Guam—Aviation Concepts, Inc., an aircraft retailer and service provider, violated federal law when it terminated a Jehovah's Witness after he refused to raise the flags of the United States and Guam, an activity that is against his religious beliefs, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission charged in a lawsuit it filed Monday.

According to the EEOC, an assistant mechanic at the company had made known his religious beliefs and the restrictions associated with being a Jehovah's Witness. During the first year and a half of his employment, the company respected his religious beliefs and he was not required to perform duties which conflicted with those beliefs. However, the EEOC contends that this changed in June 2010 when a different manager ordered the mechanic to raise the U.S. and Guam flags at the worksite. The mechanic again explained he could not raise the flags because doing so would violate his religious beliefs. The manager reacted by ordering the mechanic to go home. Aviation then fired the mechanic that same day for insubordination.

After attempts to reach a prelitigation settlement failed, the EEOC filed its lawsuit in the U.S. District Court, District of Guam (EEOC v. Aviation Concepts, Inc.., Case No. 11-00028), alleging that Aviation discriminated on the basis of religion by imposing a job requirement which conflicted with the mechanic's sincerely held religious beliefs and then terminating him for his inability to perform that requirement. This alleged conduct violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. The EEOC's suit seeks backpay and compensatory and punitive damages on behalf of the mechanic, along with injunctive relief intended to prevent future instances of discrimination at Aviation Concepts.

"EEOC will fight to secure equal justice at work, regardless of whether one's religious beliefs and practices are less familiar," said Anna Y. Park, regional attorney for the EEOC's Los Angeles District Office.

"A supervisor who engages in discriminatory practices can be a huge liability for any employer," said Timothy Riera, local director for the EEOC's Honolulu Local Office, which has jurisdiction over Guam. "Strong anti-discrimination policies and training are the key to ensuring that that workers' civil rights are protected."

According to the company's website, Aviation Concepts provides private jet charter, aircraft sales and acquisition, business aviation consulting, and aircraft management services from its 50,000 square foot hangar facility in Guam. ***(EEOC)***

Bottled water the only relief for some in Pacific

By NICK PERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Crops are wilting, schools have shut their bathrooms and government officials are bathing in lagoons because of a severe shortage of fresh water in a swath of the South Pacific.

The island groups of Tuvalu and Tokelau have declared emergencies, relying on bottled water and seeking more desalination machines. Parts of Samoa are starting to ration water.

Supplies are precariously low after a severe lack of rain in a region where underground reserves have been fouled by saltwater from rising seas that scientists have linked to climate change.

While nobody has gone thirsty yet, officials worry about the logistics of supplying everyone with enough water to survive and the potential health problems that might arise. And exactly how the islands will cope in the long term remains a question mark.

"We are praying that things will change," Samoan-based official Jovilisi Suveinakama said.

Six months of low rainfall have dried out the islands. Climate scientists say it's part of a cyclical Pacific weather pattern known as La Nina—and they predict the coming months will bring no relief, with the pattern expected to continue.

Rising sea levels are exacerbating the problem, as salt water seeps into underground supplies of fresh water that are drawn to the surface through wells.

On the three main atolls that make up isolated Tokelau, the 1,400 residents ran out of fresh water altogether last week and are relying on a seven-day supply of bottled water that was sent Saturday from Samoa, Suveinakama said.

Suveinakama said that some schools no longer have drinking water available, and that the students often need to return home if they want to use a bathroom.

"In terms of domestic chores, like washing clothes, everything's been put on hold," he said. "We are cautious of the situation given the possible health issues."

Suveinakama said that Tokelau, a territory of New Zealand, has tapped emergency funds to buy desalination machines, which turn salt water into fresh water. He hopes those will be shipped to the islands soon.

In Tuvalu, a nation of low lying atolls that is home to less than 11,000 people, Red Cross team leader Dean Manderson described the situation as "quite dire."

He said that on the island of Nukulaelae, there were only 16 gallons of fresh water remaining Tuesday for the 350 residents and that the Red Cross was sending over two small desalination machines.

He said much of the well water on Tuvalu is unusable because it has become contaminated with salt water.

The New Zealand government this week flew a defense force C-130 plane to Tuvalu stocked with Red Cross supplies of bottled water and desalination machines. Officials including High Commissioner Gareth Smith also flew over to assess the situation.

Smith said the coconut trees on Tuvalu are looking sickly and that the edible breadfruit, which grow in trees, are much smaller than usual. He said other local fruits and vegetables, including a type of giant taro, are not growing well or are in short supply.

He said people in the capital of Funafuti are permitted a ration of two buckets of water per day and that government ministers have been bathing in the lagoon to preserve water.

Funafuti residents have been relying on a large desalination machine for much of their daily water supply, said Manderson. The Red Cross has been helping improve the function of that machine and has been fixing other such machines that have broken down, he added.

New Zealand climate scientist James Renwick said the rainfall problems can be traced back 12 months, when the region began experiencing one of the strongest La Nina systems on record.

La Nina is sparked when larger-than-normal differences in water temperature across the Pacific Ocean cause the east-blowing trade winds to increase in strength, Renwick said. That, in turn, pushes rainfall to the west, leaving places like Tuvalu and Tokelau dry.

Last year's La Nina system dwindled by June but has begun picking up again just ahead of the November rainy season, Renwick said, meaning that there is no relief in sight for island groups like Tuvalu, Tokelau and Samoa.

"Low rainfall continues to be on the cards, at least through the end of the year," Renwick said.

Officials say they are concentrating on the short-term supply problems and have not yet had time to think about longer term solutions for the islands. But they say that the combination of rising water levels and low rainfall mean makes life on the islands look increasingly precarious.

Coast Guard, NZ bring water to parched Tokelau

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa—The U. S. Coast Guard is supporting New Zealand's humanitarian relief efforts to assist the residents of the island nation of Tokelau. Approximately 1,500 residents of three islands will receive approximately 36,000 gallons of drinking water from the crew of the Coast Guard cutter *Walnut*.

Currently the residents of Tokelau have just about seven days of fresh drinking water.

"Like New Zealand, the United States is committed to helping our Pacific neighbors when they are in need," said U.S. Ambassador David Huebner. "This is a very real humanitarian need here. We are talking about approximately 1,500 people who could be out of fresh water within a week so we really needed to act very quickly."

"A Hercules C-130 aircraft from Ohakea, New Zealand will transport several water containers and a seven-person needs assessment team to American Samoa and rendezvous with the Walnut," said Capt. Eric Brown, response chief for the 14th Coast Guard District. "The Coast Guard is in a unique position to assist New Zealand with this humanitarian mission because we have a capable asset that is available to respond."

Once *Walnut* is loaded with water and the needs assessment team is aboard, the crew will make the 358-mile transit from American Samoa to Tokelau. This transit will take about 30 hours.

"The Coast Guard routinely supports the Pacific island countries in this region during search and rescue cases and fisheries patrols," said Rear Adm. Charles W. Ray, commander, 14th Coast Guard District. "Our existing relationships between Pacific island countries are essential to facilitate rapid response during times of need."

Personnel from the U. S. Embassy in Wellington, New Zealand contacted Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu Sunday to discuss transporting a New Zealand assessment team and fresh drinking water to Tokelau.

In related news, the tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu has declared a state of emergency, also due to a severe shortage of fresh water, with officials saying Monday that some parts of the country may only have a two-day supply.

Water was scarce in the capital, Funafuti, and a number of outlying islands, McCully said, adding that he had received reports saying some places would run out of fresh water within days.

A New Zealand defense service C-130 plane arrived Monday carrying two desalination units and a number of water containers, McCully said. ***(USCG, with AP)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ESTATE OF SEGUNDO DLC. CASTRO, LEE Q. CASTRO, and VIRGINA Q. CASTRO,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0246B

NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virginia Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the following described, real property situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee simple land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as **Lot No. 002 T 03** (Formerly Block 1, Lot 3) as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 T 00, dated August 20, 1969, and containing an area of 1,367 square meters, more or less, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 21, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in wiritng, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virgina Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Note: CDA accepts Visa and MC only. A 2% processing fee will be charged on credit card payments.

Legal Description	Lot 002 T 03
Land Area	1,367 square meters
Location	San Jose Village, Tinian, Saipan
CDA Rights Appraised	Fee Simple Interest
Utilities Available	Electric power, city water, telephone, TV cable
Market Value	$113,000

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individuallly and dba CASA DE FELIPE, and ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0242B

NOTICE OF THIRD AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R4**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 21, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
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7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Felipe Q. Atalig, individuallly and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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Tracts 21769-R2-4,
GINALANGAN, ROTA
Appraised 2009: $2,400.00
Area:850 sqm

Tract 21769-R2-3,
GINALANGAN, ROTA
Appraised 2009:$2,800.00
Area:900 sqm

Business

Apple's Steve Jobs, father of Mac, iPhone, dies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Suddenly, the next version of the iPhone doesn't seem so important. It's time to mourn Steve Jobs, the Silicon Valley maestro who always seemed to hit the right note as he transformed Apple Inc. into technology's greatest hits factory.

It didn't take long for the people who loved their iPhones, iPods, iPads and Macs to begin gathering to pay their respects to the man who made it all happen.

Scott Robbins, a barber and Apple fan for nearly 20 years, came to Apple's San Francisco store as soon as he heard about Jobs' death Wednesday afternoon.

"To some people, this is like Elvis Presley or John Lennon—it's a change in our times," Robbins, 34, said. "It's the end of an era, of what we've known Apple to be. It's like the end of the innovators."

The world also lost a showman, whose flair for the dramatic—there was always "one more thing"—he was as keen as his knack for divining what people wanted before they even seemed to realize it themselves.

Apple announced his death without giving a specific cause. He died peacefully, according to a statement from family members who said they were present. He was 56.

"Steve's brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives," Apple's board said in a statement. "The world is immeasurably better because of Steve."

Jobs had battled cancer in 2004 and underwent a liver transplant in 2009 after taking a leave of absence for unspecified health problems. He took another leave of absence in January—his third since his health problems began—and resigned in August. Jobs became Apple's chairman and handed the CEO job over to his hand-picked successor, Tim Cook.

Outside Apple's Cupertino headquarters, three flags—an American flag, a California state flag and an Apple flag—were flying at half-staff late Wednesday.

"Those of us who have been fortunate enough to know and work with Steve have lost a dear friend and an inspiring mentor." Cook wrote in an email to Apple's employees. "Steve leaves behind a company that only he could have built, and his spirit will forever be the foundation of Apple."

The news Apple fans and shareholders had been dreading came the day after Apple unveiled its latest iPhone, a device that got a lukewarm reception. Perhaps, there would have been more excitement had Jobs been well enough to show it off with his trademark theatrics.

Jobs started Apple with a high school friend in a Silicon Valley garage in 1976, was forced out a decade later and returned in 1997 to rescue the company. During his second stint, it grew into the most valuable technology company in the world with a market value of $351 billion. Almost all that wealth has been created since Jobs' return.

Cultivating Apple's countercultural sensibility and a minimalist design ethic, Jobs rolled out one sensational product after another, even in the face of the late-2000s recession and his own failing health.

He helped change computers from a geeky hobbyist's obsession to a necessity of modern life at work and home, and in the process he upended not just personal technology but the cellphone and music industries.

For transformation of American industry, he has few rivals He has long been linked to his personal computer-age contemporary, Bill Gates, and has drawn comparisons to other creative geniuses such as Walt Disney. Jobs died as Walt Disney Co.'s largest shareholder, a by-product of his decision to sell computer animation studio Pixar in 2006.

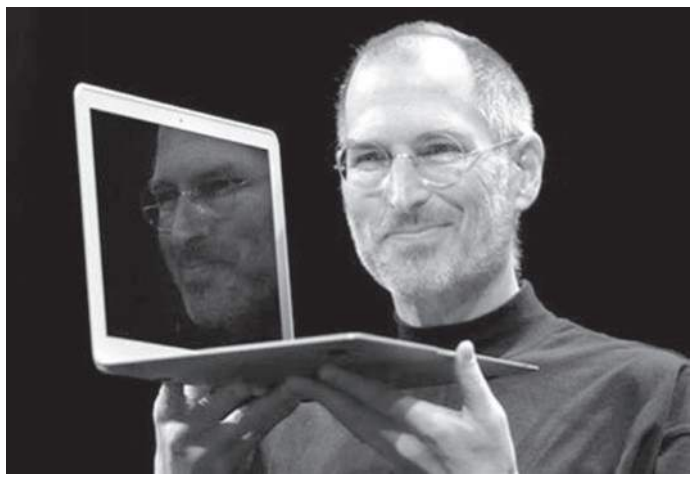
Perhaps most influentially, Jobs in 2001 launched the iPod, which offered "1,000 songs in your pocket." Over the next 10 years, its white earphones and thumb-dial control seemed to become more ubiquitous than the wristwatch.

In 2007 came the touchscreen iPhone, joined a year later by Apple's App Store, where developers could sell iPhone "apps" which made the phone a device not just for making calls but also for managing money, editing photos, playing games and social networking. And in 2010, Jobs introduced the iPad, a tablet-sized, all-touch computer that took off even though market analysts said no one really needed one.

By 2011, Apple had become the second-largest company of any kind in the United States by market value. In August, it briefly surpassed Exxon Mobil as the most valuable company.

Under Jobs, the company cloaked itself in secrecy to build frenzied anticipation for each of its new products. Jobs himself had a wizardly sense of what his customers wanted, and where demand didn't exist, he leveraged a cult-like following to create it.

When he spoke at Apple presentations, almost always in faded blue jeans, sneakers and a black mock turtleneck,



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In this Jan. 15, 2008, file photo, Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds up the new MacBook Air after giving the keynote address at the Apple MacWorld Conference in San Francisco. Apple on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 said Jobs has died. He was 56.

legions of Apple acolytes listened to every word. He often boasted about Apple successes, then coyly added a coda—"One more thing"—before introducing its latest ambitious idea.

In later years, Apple investors also watched these appearances for clues about his health. Jobs revealed in 2004 that he had been diagnosed with a very rare form of pancreatic cancer - an islet cell neuroendocrine tumor. He underwent surgery and said he had been cured. In 2009, following weight loss he initially attributed to a hormonal imbalance, he abruptly took a six-month leave. During that time, he received a liver transplant that became public two months after it was performed.

He went on another medical leave in January 2011, this time for an unspecified duration. He never went back and resigned as CEO in August, though he stayed on as chairman. Consistent with his penchant for se-

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crecy, he didn't reference his illness in his resignation letter.

Steven Paul Jobs was born Feb. 24, 1955, in San Francisco to Joanne Simpson, then an unmarried graduate student, and Abdulfattah Jandali, a student from Syria. Simpson gave Jobs up for adoption, though she married Jandali and a few years later had a second child with him, Mona Simpson, who became a novelist.

Steven was adopted by Clara and Paul Jobs of Los Altos, Calif., a working-class couple who nurtured his early interest in electronics. He saw his first computer terminal at NASA's Ames Research Center when he was around 11 and landed a summer job at Hewlett-Packard before he had finished high school.

Jobs enrolled in Reed College in Portland, Ore., in 1972 but dropped out after six months.

"All of my working-class parents' savings were being spent on my college tuition. After six months, I couldn't see the value in it," he said at a Stanford University commencement address in 2005. "I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life and no idea how college was going to help me figure it out."

When he returned to California in 1974, Jobs worked for video game maker Atari and attended meetings of the Homebrew Computer Club—a group of computer hobbyists—with Steve Wozniak, a high school friend who was a few years older.

Wozniak's homemade computer drew attention from other enthusiasts, but Jobs saw its potential far beyond the geeky hobbyists of the time. The pair started Apple Computer Inc. in Jobs' parents' garage in 1976. According to Wozniak, Jobs suggested the name after visiting an "apple orchard" that Wozniak said was actually a commune.

Their first creation was the Apple I—essentially, the guts of a computer without a case, keyboard or monitor.

The Apple II, which hit the market in 1977, was their first machine for the masses. It became so popular that Jobs was worth $100 million by age 25.

During a 1979 visit to the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, Jobs again spotted mass potential in a niche invention: a computer that allowed people to control computers with the click of a mouse, not typed commands. He returned to Apple and ordered his engineering team to copy what he had seen.

It foreshadowed a propensity to take other people's concepts, improve on them and spin them into wildly successful products. Under Jobs, Apple didn't invent computers, digital music players or smartphones—it reinvented them for people who didn't want to learn computer programming or negotiate the technical hassles of keeping their gadgets working.

"We have always been shameless about stealing great ideas," Jobs said in an interview for the 1996 PBS series "Triumph of the Nerds."

The engineers responded with two computers. The pricier Lisa—the same name as his daughter—launched to a cool reception in 1983. The less-expensive Macintosh, named for an employee's favorite apple, exploded onto the scene in 1984.

The Mac was heralded by an epic Super Bowl commercial that referenced George Orwell's "1984" and captured Apple's iconoclastic style. In the ad, expressionless drones marched through dark halls to an auditorium where a Big Brother-like figure lectures on a big screen. A woman in a bright track uniform burst into the hall and launched a hammer into the screen, which exploded, stunning the drones, as a narrator announced the arrival of the Mac.

There were early stumbles at Apple. Jobs clashed with colleagues and even the CEO he had hired away from Pepsi, John Sculley. And after an initial spike, Mac sales slowed, in part because few programs had been written for it.

With Apple's stock price sinking, conflicts between Jobs and Sculley mounted. Sculley won over the board in 1985 and pushed Jobs out of his day-to-day role leading the Macintosh team. Jobs resigned his post as chairman of the board and left Apple within months.

"What had been the focus of my entire adult life was gone, and it was devastating," Jobs said in his Stanford speech. "I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life."

Nation

Napolitano defends immigration enforcement policy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Facing critics on all sides, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on Wednesday defended the Obama administration's new policy of deciding which illegal immigrants to send home first.

The government is deporting record numbers of illegal immigrants, she said, but putting at the top of the line those who pose a public safety or national security threat. That's a shift from the Bush administration's enforcement strategy, Napolitano said in a speech at American University, the latest public push to promote the new approach.

Republicans say making it a priority to deport those immigrants amounts to a back-door way of granting amnesty to other people who are living in the U.S. illegally but haven't committed crimes. Yet to immigration advocates, the administration is still deporting such illegal immigrants.

AP

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, gestures while discussing the department's enforcement of immigration laws, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, at American University in Washington.

She said policies inherited from the Bush administration "allowed as many resources, if not more, to be spent tracking down and deporting the college student as were spent on apprehending criminal aliens and gang members."

Authorities would conduct large raids at companies without consistently punishing the employer or targeting individuals who posed a threat.

"Public safety wasn't enhanced by these raids, and they sometimes required hundreds of agents and thousands of hours to complete," Napolitano said.

Now, she said, the Department of Homeland Security is using fingerprints collected from those held in local jails to identify and deport criminals and repeat immigration violators.

ACROSS THE NATION

Gunman at large after deadly Calif quarry shooting

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP)—The search for an employee accused of killing three co-workers and injuring six others at a Northern California limestone quarry brought SWAT teams in armored vehicles to the normally quiet streets of Silicon Valley on Wednesday. The hunt for Shareef Allman, 47, of San Jose dragged into the afternoon after authorities said he opened fire at a routine safety meeting around 4:15 a.m. and later wounded a woman in a failed carjacking. Schools were on lockdown in Cupertino, home of Apple Inc., and in nearby communities as authorities went door to door with guns drawn and residents were warned to stay indoors.

Authorities: Fla. woman killed while training mule

DELEON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP)—Officials say a central Florida woman has died from injuries she received while trying to train a mule to pull a cart. The sheriff's office in Volusia County reports that 51-year-old Kimberly Smith was riding with the animal's owner, 71-year-old David Cram, in a cart behind the mule Saturday evening when something spooked it. Authorities say the mule ran off, eventually causing the cart to overturn. Both Smith and Cram were rushed to a Daytona Beach hospital, where Smith later died. Authorities say Cram remained hospitalized but there was no immediate report on the extent of his injuries.

Wife who killed, cooked husband denied parole

CHOWCHILLA, Calif. (AP)—A California woman who killed her newlywed husband and chopped and cooked his body parts over Thanksgiving weekend in 1991 was denied her second bid for parole Wednesday. Parole commissioners rejected Omaima Nelson's request for freedom following a five-and-half-hour hearing at the Central California Women's Facility in Chowchilla, where she has been serving a life sentence. Nelson, an Egyptian-born former model and nanny, had not accepted responsibility for the Orange County slaying of William Nelson, nor completed educational or vocational programs while incarcerated that would help her lead a productive life outside prison, the board said.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. **MICHAEL R. MUNA and MINA L. MUNA,** Defendants.	**Civil Action No. 11-0078-CV** **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT MINA L. MUNA:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 28th day of July, 2011.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Miriam Florence Lisua Petitioner, vs. **Helwell Killion,** Respondent.	**FCD-PA-CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0436** **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HERBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 502594 Chalan Laulau Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by Messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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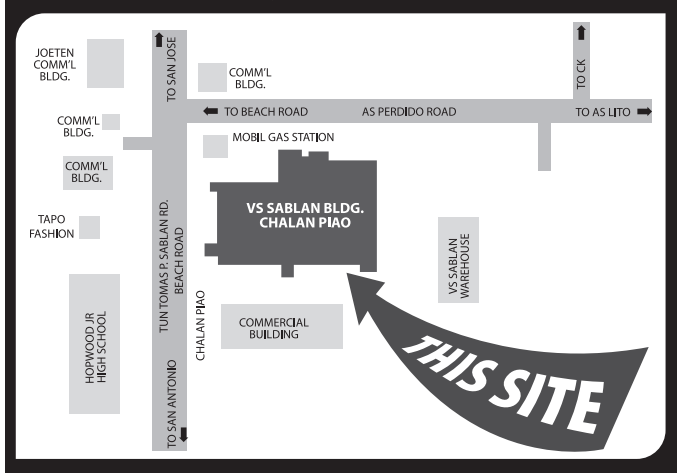

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Asia

Afghan official: Karzai assassination plot foiled

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghan intelligence officials said Wednesday that they had broken up a cell that plotted to kill President Hamid Karzai, arresting six people in Kabul whom they claimed were affiliated with al-Qaida and the Haqqani militant group.

Intelligence service spokesman Latifullah Mashal said that that the cell included one of Karzai's bodyguards, as well as a professor at Kabul university and three college students.

Mashal described the cell as the "most sophisticated and educated group in Kabul," and said that it had assisted Pakistani militants sent to the Afghan capital to carry out terror attacks. He did not say when they were arrested.

He said the group, which also allegedly planned attacks in Kabul, the United States and Europe, was recruited by an Egyptian and a Bangladeshi based in Pakistan.

Afghan officials have been increasingly vocal in publicly accusing Pakistan and its ISI intelligence agency of maintaining ties with militants, including the Haqqani group. On Tuesday, they claimed that Pakistani officials had advance knowledge of the Sept. 20 assassination of former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

AP

Afghan President Hamid Karzai delivers a lecture on the second day of his two-day official visit, in New Delhi, India, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011.

Pakistan has denied the charges, but the accusations have further strained relations between the two nations that share a long border.

The Haqqani militant group, a lethal threat to U.S.-led coalition forces, has been blamed by U.S. intelligence officials and others for a number of high-profile attacks in Kabul in recent years, including hotel bombings and the assault last month on the U.S. Embassy.

Mashal identified the two recruiters as an Egyptian named Sayifullah and a man from Bangladesh named Abdullah, who were based in Miram Shah, the capital of Pakistan's North Waziristan region, where the Haqqani group and other militants operate with relative freedom.

Mashal said the six Afghans were recruited "to carry out suicide attacks in Kabul, plan and coordinate bigger international attacks in the U.S. and parts of Europe and a luxury hotel in Kabul."

"They also were responsible for recruiting one of the key security guards of President Karzai's protective services. They had a plan to assassinate President Karzai maybe during his travels or trips to the provinces," the Afghan intelligence spokesman said.

He did not disclose details about attacks the cell reportedly planned in the United States or Europe.

Those arrested were:

- Dr. Emal Habib Asadullah, a medical professor and director of microbiology at Kabul University.
- Mubullah Ahmadi, who is from Karzai's hometown of Karz in southern Afghanistan. Ahmadi worked as a guard at the presidential palace.
- Rahmatullah Ramin, a fourth year medical student at Kabul University.
- Parwez, identified by only one name, who was studying at a private university in Kabul.
- Abdul Hamid Mashal, a university student.
- Abdul Bashir, a man from Kapisa province in eastern Afghanistan, who was living in Kabul.

Several of the individuals received explosives and weapons training in Peshawar, Pakistan, Mashal said.

The group had access to $150,000 in a bank account in Kabul, he said, as well as access to computers and high-tech equipment. With its university ties, the cell was also well positioned to win more recruits, he said.

"The main purpose of the group was to kill high-ranking Afghan figures and identify guest houses used by foreigners or other potential targets in Kabul," he said.

Pakistani panel quizzes bin Laden's family

ISLAMABAD (AP)—An independent Pakistani commission investigating the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden questioned three detained widows and two daughters of the slain al-Qaida leader, a government statement said Wednesday.

The commission also interviewed Pakistani spy chief Lt. Gen. Ahmed Shuja Pasha and a doctor accused of helping American intelligence run a phony vaccination program that tried to obtain a DNA sample from bin Laden and his family, the statement said.

Investigators interviewed Pasha, who heads the country's powerful spy agency, known as the Inter-Services Intelligence, on Wednesday, and planned to meet with him again meet with him on Thursday, the commission said, without elaborating.

The women and Dr. Shakil Afridi were questioned on Tuesday.

Islamabad says that the U.S. special forces raid on May 2 that killed bin Laden violated Pakistan's sovereignty. The Pakistani government set up the panel to probe the raid the in northwestern city of Abbottabad, as well as how bin Laden managed to hide there.

Bin Laden's widows and the accused doctor have been in Pakistani custody since shortly after the raid. So far, the commission has visited bin Laden's compound, and questioned civil and military officials.

In July, Pakistani officials showed willingness to extradite bin Laden's Yemeni-born Amal Ahmed Abdullfattah to her country. But the commission barred Pakistan from extraditing bin Laden family members so that it can question them.

Later, the commission imposed a similar restriction on the doctor after Washington tried to get him released. There has been speculation that Afridi and his family may leave Pakistan if he is freed.

The commission's latest hearing comes at a time of heightened tensions between Pakistan and the United States following a recent claim by top U.S. military officer, Adm. Mike Mullen, that Pakistan's main spy agency backed militants who carried out attacks against American targets in Afghanistan.

Pakistan has denied the allegations.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippine police capture suspected beheader

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine police have arrested an Abu Sayyaf gunman who allegedly helped behead seven Filipino workers while singing a militant song in a grisly 2007 crime, officials said Wednesday. Police said Adzhar Mawalil was captured Tuesday by government forces on southern Jolo island. Mawalil, 32, has also been implicated in the 2000 kidnappings of 21 mostly European tourists from a dive resort in neighboring Malaysia and the 2009 abductions of three Filipino, Italian and Swiss aid workers for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Jolo, national police spokesman Agrimero Cruz said.

Death toll rises to 17 in China coal mine blast

BEIJING (AP)—The death toll from a coal mine explosion in southwestern China has risen to 17. The official Xinhua News Agency says 28 miners were in the shaft when the blast occurred Tuesday in Guizhou province. Eleven were rescued and being treated in a hospital. Initial reports said 13 miners had died, but three rescued workers later died in a hospital and another body was recovered from the shafts Wednesday morning, bringing the toll to 17.

US: Taiwanese expect continuation of China policy

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—A U.S. official says Taiwan's current policy of seeking reconciliation with China is what Taiwanese expect from their leaders. Assistant Secretary of State Kurt Campbell made the comment in Washington on Tuesday, several months before Taiwanese presidential elections in which voters will choose between President Ma Ying-jeou and opposition candidate Tsai Ing-wen. Tsai has criticized Ma's policy of deepening economic relations with Beijing as potentially undermining Taiwan's de facto independence.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Terminal Improvements at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950,

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 PM** on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011** to the Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements, including concrete foundations, concrete slab-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, thermal insulation, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal Money Order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CPA Conference Room, Tinian International Airport, at 10:00 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. All prospective Bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Schedule form included on the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or misentry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid Proposal documents and Specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award of any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a Certified Check, or a Cashier's Check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid Price. Checks shall be made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman / Contracting Officer

Date: September 30, 2011

World

Military defectors aim to overthrow Syrian regime

BEIRUT (AP)—A group of military defectors known as the Free Syrian Army is emerging as the first armed challenge to President Bashar Assad's authoritarian regime after seven months of largely nonviolent resistance.

Riad al-Asaad, the group's leader and an air force colonel who recently fled to Turkey, boasted in an interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday that he now has more than 10,000 members and called on fellow soldiers to join him in overthrowing the "murderous" regime.

While analysts said those numbers might be inflated, al-Asaad was confident more soldiers would soon join his ranks.

"They will soon discover that armed rebellion is the only way to break the Syrian regime," he said in a phone interview from Turkey. "I call on all the honorable people in the Syrian army to join us so we can liberate our country," he said. "It is the only way to get rid of this murderous regime."

The dissident group is gaining momentum that signals a trend toward militarization of the uprising. That momentum has raised fears that Syria may be sliding toward civil war.

The movement could propel the revolt by encouraging more senior level defections, or it could backfire horribly, giving the regime a new pretext to crack down even harder than it already has. Nearly 3,000 people have been killed in the violence since March, according to the U.N. and activists.

Until the rebels can secure a territorial foothold as an operational launching pad—much like the eastern city of Benghazi was for the Libyan rebels—the defections are unlikely to pose a real threat to the unity of the Syrian army.

"The Libyan model is looking increasingly attractive to the Syrian opposition," said Shadi Hamid, director of research at The Brookings Doha Center in Qatar. However, he described the dissident army as a "high risk, high reward situation."

He said territorial gains might encourage the international community to offer support and make regime change more real in the minds of outside observers.

"But the flip side of that is that it gives the regime ... pretext to wipe out a city so it is a very risky move," Hamid added.

International intervention, such as the NATO action in Libya that helped topple Moammar Gadhafi, is all but out of the question in Syria. Washington and its allies have shown little appetite for intervening in yet another Arab nation in turmoil. There also is real concern that Assad's ouster would spread chaos around the region.

Vindicated: Ridiculed Israeli scientist wins Nobel

JERUSALEM (AP)—When Israeli scientist Dan Shechtman claimed to have stumbled upon a new crystalline chemical structure that seemed to violate the laws of nature, colleagues mocked him, insulted him and exiled him from his research group.

After years in the scientific wilderness, though, he was proved right. And on Wednesday, he received the ultimate vindication: the Nobel Prize in chemistry.

The lesson?

"A good scientist is a humble and listening scientist and not one that is sure 100 percent in what he read in the textbooks," Shechtman said.

The shy, 70-year-old Shechtman said he never doubted his findings and considered himself merely the latest in a long line of scientists who advanced their fields by challenging the conventional wisdom and were shunned by the establishment because of it.

In 1982, Shechtman discovered what are now called "quasicrystals"—atoms arranged in patterns that seemed forbidden by nature.

"I was thrown out of my research group. They said I brought shame on them with what I was saying," he recalled. "I never took it personally. I knew I was right and they were wrong."

The discovery "fundamentally altered how chemists conceive of solid matter," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in awarding the $1.5 million prize.

Since his discovery, quasicrystals have been produced in laboratories, and a Swedish company found them in one of the most durable kinds of steel, which is now used in products such as razor blades and thin needles made specifically for eye surgery, the academy said. Quasicrystals are also being studied for use in new materials that convert heat to electricity.

Shechtman is a professor at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel. He is the 10th Israeli Nobel winner, a great source of pride in a nation of just 7.8 million people. Shechtman fielded congratulatory calls from Israeli President Shimon Peres, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1994, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

WORLD BRIEFS

Libya fighters loot Gadhafi tribe, showing divide

ABU HADI, Libya (AP)—After capturing this hamlet, a center for Moammar Gadhafi's tribe, revolutionary fighters have gone on a vengeance spree, looting and burning homes and making off with gold, furniture and even automobiles. Other fighters are trying to persuade them to stop and have sought to protect the tribesmen of the ousted leader. As a result, the rampage in Abu Hadi, a suburb of Gadhafi's home city of Sirte, has underscored a geographical split among the forces loyal to Libya's new interim government.

Egypt's ruler vows military will step down

CAIRO (AP)—The leader of Egypt's ruling generals said Wednesday the army has no interest in staying in power for a long time, but insisted the military council won't step down until it has "fulfilled its commitments." The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces has come under increasing criticism of its handling of Egypt's transitional period following the popular uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak in February. Many of the activists that engineered the revolt have accused the military council of moving too slowly in dismantling the former regime and bringing former officials acccused of abuses to justice.

Venezuelans mourn former president Perez

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Thousands of Venezuelans attended a wake for former President Carlos Andres Perez on Wednesday amid tears and speeches a day after his remains arrived in his homeland and ended a a bitter family feud over his final resting place. Politicians, relatives and supporters of Perez crowded around his closed casket at the headquarters of the Democratic Action party in downtown Caracas and sang the party's anthem. "Rest in peace, president," said Caracas Mayor Antonio Ledezma, once a confidant of Perez.

Off The Wall

Study on full bladders, wasabi alarm receive Ig Nobel awards

BOSTON (AP)—Driving while desperately needing to urinate isn't a crime, but maybe it should be.

Peter Snyder and his colleagues found that having a bladder at its bursting point reduced attention span and the ability to make decisions to the same degree expected with low levels of alcohol intoxication or 24 hours of sleep deprivation. The research earned them the 2011 Ig Nobel prize for medicine.

"When people reach a point when they are in so much pain they just can't stand it anymore, it was like being drunk," said Snyder, a professor of neurology at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

"The ability to hold information was really impaired," he said.

This year's winners of the dubious distinction handed out Thursday at Harvard University for head-scratching scientific discoveries included a team of Japanese scientists who invented a fire alarm that smells like wasabi; a European mayor who solved his city's parking problems with a piece of heavy military equipment; a Norwegian researcher who explored the science behind sighing; and the numerous people throughout history whose mathematical calculations to predict the end of the world have fallen flat.

The 21st annual awards sponsored by the Annals of Improbable Research were handed out by real Nobel laureates and featured the usual doses of silliness, including a mini-opera about the chemistry in a coffee shop and the ritual launching of paper airplanes.

The point of Snyder's work was to determine the effects of pain on decision-making. Working with full bladders is a "low cost, low risk" way of causing pain that can be resolved easily, simply by going to the bathroom.

The research, done with scientists at Australian universities, was also fun. The group even crowned an unofficial withholding champion—the person who could go the longest before his bladder exploded. Australian researcher David Darby held out for three hours.

Vilnius, Lithuania Mayor Arturas Zuokas won the Ig Nobel peace prize for his heavy-handed way of dealing with parking scofflaws. He crushed their cars with a military armored personnel carrier.

Mass. cat with two faces lives 12 years

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—Frank and Louie the cat was born with two faces, two mouths, two noses, three eyes—and lots of doubts about his future.

Now, 12 years after Marty Stevens rescued him from being euthanized because of his condition, the exotic blue-eyed rag doll cat is not only thriving, but has also made it into the 2012 edition of Guinness World Records as the longest-surviving member of a group known as Janus cats, named for a Roman god with two faces.

"Every day is kind of a blessing; being 12 and normal life expectancy when they have this condition is one to four days," Stevens said, stroking Frank and Louie's soft fur as he sat on her lap purring. "So, he's ahead of the game; every day I just thank God I still have him."

AP

In this Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011 photo, a cat with two faces, named Frank and Louie, sits on a mat in his home in Worcester, Mass.

Frank and Louie's breeder had taken him to the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, where Stevens was working at the time, to be euthanized when he was just a day old. Stevens offered to take him home, but experts told her not to get her hopes up.

Janus cats almost never survive, and most have congenital defects, including a cleft palate that makes it difficult for them to nurse and often causes them to slowly starve or get milk in their lungs and die of pneumonia. The condition is the result of a genetic defect that triggers excessive production of a certain kind of protein.

But Frank and Louie did not suffer from most of the common Janus problems. Stevens used feeding tubes to nourish him for three months, hoping that would also save him from the danger of choking on food going down two mouths.

It turned out she didn't have to worry about him choking, because Frank and Louie used just one of his mouths to eat.

"The condition itself is very rare, and I think that the fact that this cat became an adult, a healthy adult, is remarkable," said Dr. Armelle deLaforcade, an associate professor at Cummings and head of the emergency services section.

Colleagues at the veterinary hospital told Stevens that trying to raise Frank and Louie might not be good for him—or her.

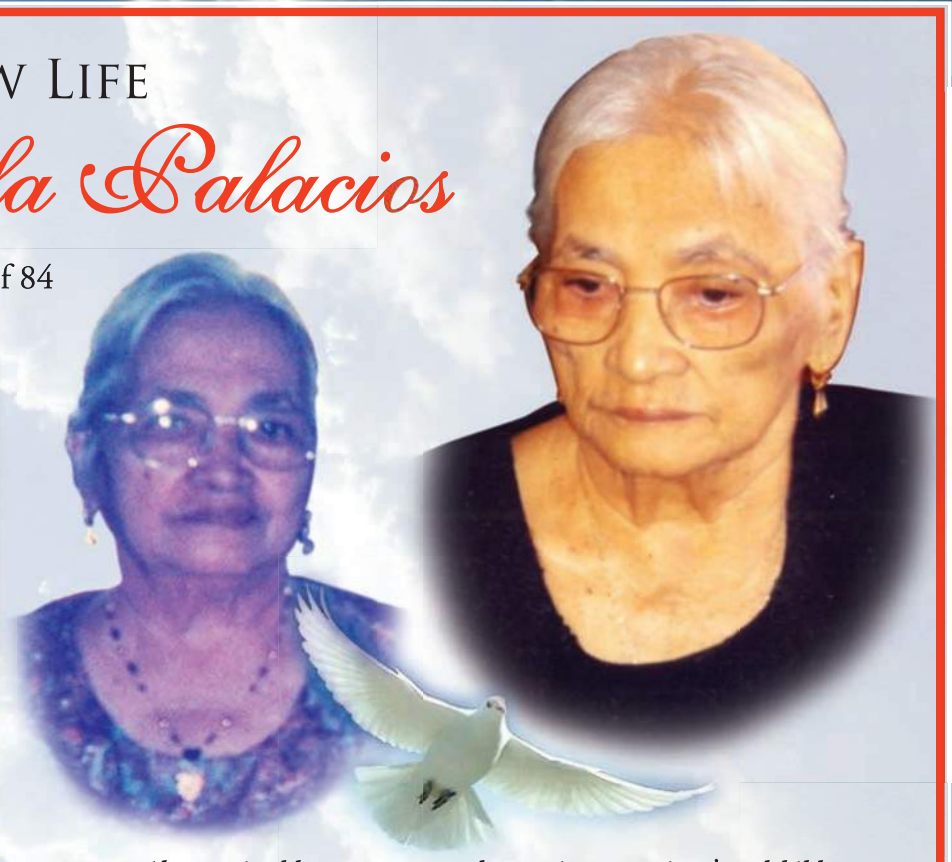
Still, she "stood firm and stood by the cat, and I'm really glad she did because this cat really has fewer problems than many cats that have very normal anatomies," deLaforcade said.

Frank and Louie's two faces have a complicated relationship. Both noses work, but one mouth does not have a lower jaw and isn't connected to his one esophagus, so he can't eat with it. Stevens discovered that only after the cat got an MRI later in life.

In Celebration of Her New Life

Raimunda Borja Tudela Palacios

Born: January 07, 1927 • Called to Eternal Life: October 03, 2011 at the age of 84



Predeceased by her:

Parents: Jesus Sablan Tudela & Anunciasion Borja Tudela
Husband: Francisco Camacho Palacios
Daughter: Juana Palacios Santos
Grandson: Joseph Palacios Reyes
Parents-in-law: Jose Cruz Palacios and Dolores Camacho Palacios
Son-in-law: Charles Pangelinan Reyes, Sr.
Brothers & Sister-in-law: Francisco B. and Ana DLG. Tudela
Rufino B. Tudela
Sisters & Brothers-in-law: Juliana T. and Jose Lizama
Magdalena T. and Vicente Salas
Sabina T. and John C. Pangelinan
Rufina T. and Victoriano Kerubin
Brother-in-law: Antonio C. Palacios
Sisters & Brothers-in-law: Nieves P. and Jose Duenas
Martha P. and Guillermo C. Agulto

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children: **Marcelina P.** and Victorino S. Cepeda
(Melvin P. & Eleanor A. Cepeda and family / Frankie P. Cepeda)
Bernadita T. Palacios
(Charles P. Reyes, Jr. / Roy P. Reyes / Gerald P. Reyes & Joni Muna and family / Vince Victor Palacios & Sylvia Mercel DLC. Torres)
Cecilia P. & Alfred K. Pangelinan
(Sonya Michelle P. & Curtis J. Dancoe and family / Cindy Lorraine P. & Joel Hoepner and family / Jeff P. Pangelinan / Jaime P. Pangelinan)
Eugene A. Santos
(Gene Rodney P. Santos / Julene P. Santos & John Del Rosario / Garridan P. Santos)
Brother & Sister-in-law: Juan B. & Antonia Tudela and family
Sister: Sister Cecilia B. Tudela, MMB
Sister-in-law: Concepcion F. Tudela and family
Reared Brother: Leo B. Tudela and family
Caregivers: Revelina (Ruby) Evangelista / Eliza Valiente / Belen Salcedo

Also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins & godchildren.

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00am at Kristo Rai Church.

On Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00am, her body will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church. Responso service and Holy Rosary will follow immediately upon arrival. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am. Interment services will follow immediately at CNMI Veterans' Cemetery in Marpi where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers.

Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you.

Children and Family

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

"ED"

Of Saipan (formerly Tamuning, Guam), was called to his eternal rest on October 4, 2011 at the age of 53.

In his passing, he now joins his
Grandparents: Felix Martinez and Antonia Garcia Camacho and Joseph Aguon and Alfonsina Sgambelluri Walters. **Mother-in-law:** Mako Sizemore

He will always be remembered by his
Wife: Sheryl Sizemore Camacho
Children: Edward W.S. Camacho, Celine N. S. Camacho, Gianna C.S. Camacho
Parents: Eduardo G. Camacho and Irene W. Camacho
Brothers, Sisters & Spouses: Yolanda & Andrew Marshall, Florida; **Joseph** & Kaoru Camacho, Tamuning; **Marcel** & Deedee Camacho, Chalan Pago/Ordot; **Reina** & Peter Tyndall, California; **Janet** Camacho, Hawaii; **Michael** & Joanne Camacho, Tamuning.

He will also be missed by his Father-In-Law: William Sizemore, Saipan.
Brothers & Sisters In Law: Margaret & Mark Cook, Bill & Liane Sizemore, Cyndi & Carno Johnson, Ann Sizemore, Allen Sizemore, Joseph & Mary Sizemore, Jacqueline Sizemore.

He will also be missed by numerous other family members and friends.

Rosaries will be offered nightly at 6:25 pm followed by Mass of Intention at 7:00 pm at Saint Anthony Church in Tamuning.

Mass daily at 6 pm at the San Vicente Church in Saipan until Wednesday, October 12th, 2011.

Last Respects will be held on Tuesday October 11, 2011 at Saint Anthony Church in Tamuning beginning at 9:00 am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00 pm and interment services will follow at Pigo Catholic Cemetery.

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Science & Technology

Doctors say that cancer likely killed Steve Jobs

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP CHIEF MEDICAL WRITER

Steve Jobs managed to live more than seven years with a rare form of pancreatic cancer that grows more slowly than the common kind. But his need for a liver transplant two years ago was a bad sign that his troubles with the disease probably were not over.

The Apple founder long kept information on his illness behind a firewall, and no new details emerged immediately after his death.

However, medical experts unconnected with his care say Jobs most likely needed the transplant because his cancer came back or spread. They said his death could have been from cancer, the new liver not working, or complications from immune-suppressing medicines to prevent organ rejection.

A liver transplant can cure Jobs' type of cancer, but "if it were to come back, it's usually in one to two years," said Dr. Michael Pishvaian, a gastrointestinal cancer specialist at Georgetown University's Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Jobs declared he was cured after surgery in 2004 for an islet cell neuroendocrine tumor, a much more treatable form of pancreatic cancer than the more common form of the disease that killed actor Patrick Swayze two years ago.

But the Apple chief never revealed whether the cancer had spread to his lymph nodes or liver, or how extensive his surgery was. Many doctors speculated he had a Whipple procedure, in which part of the pancreas, part of the small intestine and in some cases part of the stomach are removed and the digestive system is reconstructed.

"It's a big operation" and patients can have digestive difficulties long afterward, said Dr. Steven Libutti, director of the Montefiore-Einstein Center for Cancer Care in the Bronx.

Several years later, Jobs was dramatically thinner and gaunt. In January 2009, he attributed those problems to a hormone imbalance and said there was a simple treatment for it. A few weeks later, he went on a medical leave and then had a liver transplant that was kept secret for two months.

Even then, Jobs would not say why the transplant was needed, though doctors said spread of his cancer to the liver was the likely explanation.

Usually transplants aren't done for people with cancer, but "there is some support for the idea that a liver transplant can be curative" for a neuroendocrine tumor as long as the cancer has not spread beyond the liver, Pishvaian said.

Average survival for people with neuroendocrine tumors that have spread is seven to eight years, and some patients have survived 20 to 30 years, said Dr. Martin Heslin, cancer surgery chief at Vanderbilt University.

It was not to be for Jobs.

In January, he announced his third and final leave of absence, and resigned in August.

Steve Jobs

Apple CEO

Early years

Born Feb. 24, 1955, in Green Bay, Wisconsin

Family Adopted by Paul and Clara; married to Laurene Powell with three children; one daughter from a previous relationship

Education Homestead High School in Cupertino, California

Ups and downs

1976 Co-founded Apple Computer Company
1984 Unveils the first Macintosh
1985 Leaves Apple
1986 Buys The Graphics Group for $10 million, renames it Pixar
1990 Starts NextStep
1997 Apple buys NextStep for $429 million, Jobs returns and is appointed interim CEO
2000 Becomes official CEO
2004 Successful operation for pancreatic cancer
2006 Becomes Disney's largest single shareholder with about 7% of the company's stock after selling Pixar to it
2007 Named the most powerful person in business by Fortune Magazine
2009 Announces a six-month leave of absence to focus on health

Source: Apple, Business Week, MCT Photo Service Graphic: Scott Bell © 2009 MCT

Buyer's guide to new iPhone 4S

NEW YORK (AP)—Apple is trotting out a new iPhone on Oct. 14, but it's not the iPhone 5 some were expecting. Instead, it's a more modest upgrade, the iPhone 4S. Here are some facts to help you decide if it's time to make the plunge.

■ If you own an iPhone 4: The new phone will have a faster processor and a sharper, more responsive camera. Otherwise, it's pretty much the same. It will come with improved software, but you'll get that as a free update on your iPhone 4, too.

As an iPhone 4 owner, you should consider the 4S only if you absolutely must have the latest and greatest, or if your old phone is broken. Since the 4S is less than two years old, your carrier will probably make you pay more than the $199 base price if you upgrade, because you haven't "paid off" the subsidized price of your old phone yet.

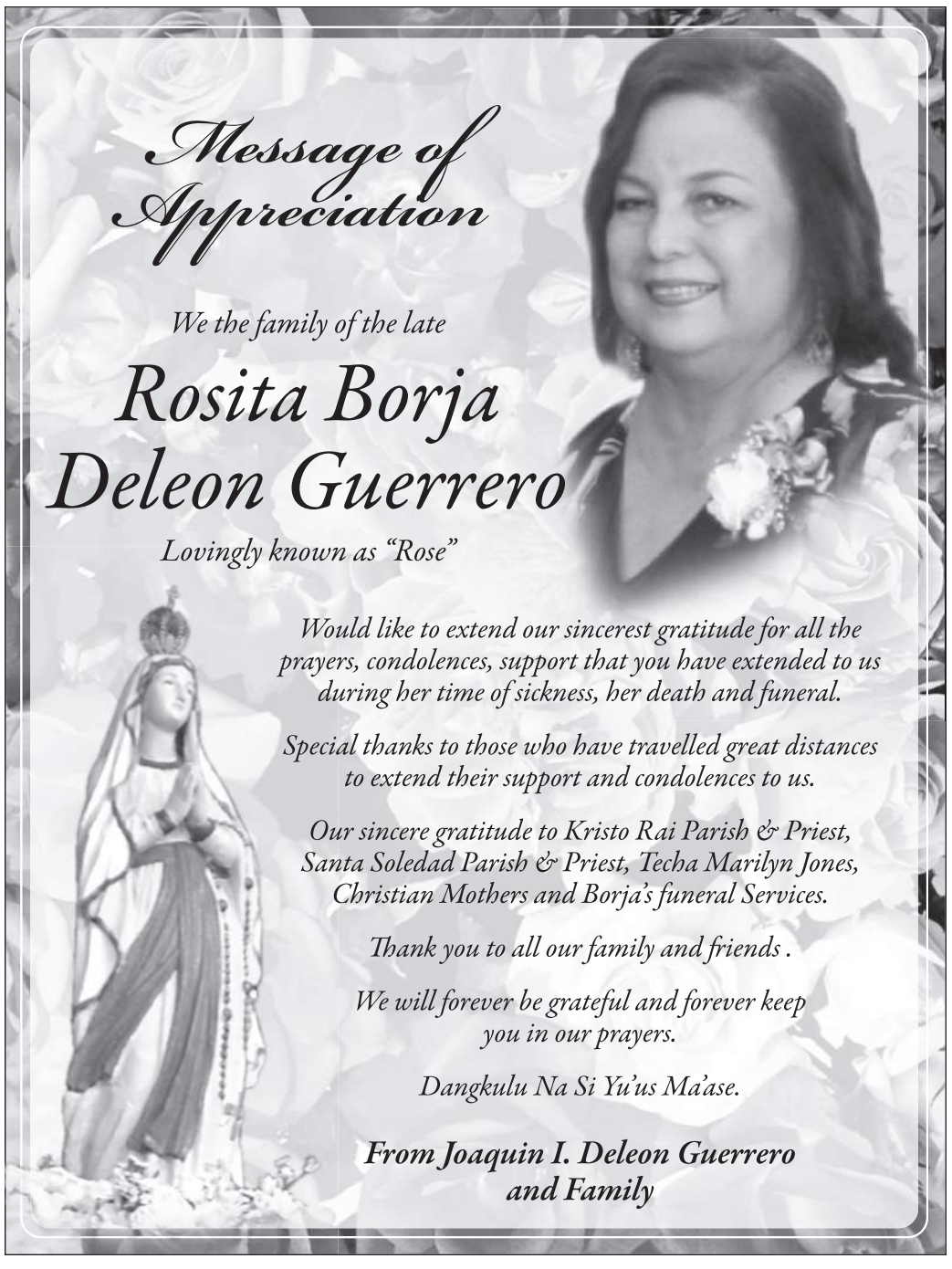
There's speculation that the more significant iPhone 5 upgrade may be less than a year away, and it could add important new features that are worth waiting for.

■ If you own an older iPhone: Apple's new software, iOS 5, will work on the iPhone 3GS, but not the original iPhone or 3G. Take the launch of the iPhone 4S as a good opportunity to upgrade to a faster, more responsive phone, with a sharper screen.

The big cost of owning an iPhone isn't in the purchase price, it's in your monthly service fees. Upgrading your phone every two years is a minor cost compared to paying your monthly bill over the same period. So take advantage of your carrier's phone subsidy and let it treat you to a new iPhone. Because Apple charges about $600 for a phone that costs $199 in the store, it's the phone company that eats most of the upfront cost of the phone.

■ If you don't have a smartphone: iPhones are still the kings of the smartphone world, with unsurpassed access to high-quality applications. But they're also expensive. That may not be immediately obvious in the cellphone store, where their $199 price tag (or, in the case of the iPhone 3GS, $0 price tag) looks comparable to many other phones. Carriers require contracts when selling iPhones at that price, and the available plans aren't cheap, in part because you'll need a data plan. In effect, you'll be paying off that expensive phone over two years, through your monthly bill.

If you want a smartphone for less, look at getting a handset that runs Google Inc.'s Android software from a no-contract carrier like Virgin Mobile, MetroPCS or Cricket. You'll be paying $149 and up for the phone, but the monthly cost will be lower. The biggest weakness of Android phones is that there are fewer good third-party applications available for them, but you'll get roughly 80 percent of the functionality of an iPhone for 50 percent of the cost. ***(AP)***


Message of Appreciation
We the family of the late
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Would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for all the prayers, condolences, support that you have extended to us during her time of sickness, her death and funeral.
Special thanks to those who have travelled great distances to extend their support and condolences to us.
Our sincere gratitude to Kristo Rai Parish & Priest, Santa Soledad Parish & Priest, Techa Marilyn Jones, Christian Mothers and Borja's funeral Services.
Thank you to all our family and friends .
We will forever be grateful and forever keep you in our prayers.
Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase.
From Joaquin I. Deleon Guerrero and Family

Q&A Drivers might be to blame for bad syncing

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I'm having trouble trying to sync my calendar and contacts between my Asus tablet computer, model TF101, and Outlook 2007 on my PC, which uses the 64-bit version of Windows 7.

I have the Asus sync software on my PC. But instead of making the connection between the tablet and Outlook, the PC identifies the tablet as an external disk drive. Any ideas?—Mike Boike, Minneapolis

ANSWER: I think you have the wrong software drivers for your tablet computer.

In order to recognize any outside device at above its most basic level (in this case, seeing your tablet computer as a disk drive), your Windows PC needs software drivers. The drivers are typically available from the manufacturer of the device.

But these drivers need to be compatible with both the device and your version of Windows. I suspect you have the 32-bit version of the Asus tablet computer drivers, and they won't work on 64-bit Windows.

Why not? The 32-bit and 64-bit versions of Windows have some technical differences. One of the major ones is that the 64-bit version can use more memory, which will become increasingly important as PC programs become more complex.

But these technical differences are usually invisible to the user; most 32-bit Windows software works just fine on 64-bit Windows. Software drivers are an exception. Drivers designed for 32-bit Windows won't work on the 64-bit version of Windows, and vice versa.

In this case, the Asus software drivers are contained in the Asus synchronizing software. To find it, go to the Asus download page at http://www.tinyurl.com/3p9ogl5, select Windows 7 64-bit from the pull-down menu, select "utilities" and choose the second available download, called "Asus Sync V1.0.46."

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Life & Style

Slurring Jackson aimed to build hospital for kids

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Six weeks before Michael Jackson died, his doctor recorded the semi-comatose superstar mumbling what might have been his farewell address to the world.

In a slow, slurred voice, clearly under the influence of sedatives, Jackson spoke about leaving a performance legacy bigger than Elvis or The Beatles, and building a fabulous hospital for children with proceeds from his highly anticipated "This Is It" comeback concerts.

"Elvis didn't do it. Beatles didn't do it. We have to be phenomenal." Jackson is heard saying on the tape.

Jackson, known for donating huge amounts to children's charities, said his vision was driven by his love of children. In his ramblings, he envisioned the hospital would be big enough to aid a million children, with a movie theater and game room.

"That will be remembered more than my performances," he says. "My performances will be up there helping my children and always be my dream. I love them. I love them because I didn't have a childhood ... I feel their pain. I feel their hurt. I can deal with it."

The full tape of the May 10, 2009, ramblings by Jackson was played for the first time Wednesday during the involuntary manslaughter trial of Dr. Conrad Murray. A portion of the recording was played last week during the prosecution's opening statement.

AP

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren holds a bottle of propofol found by Los Angeles County coroner investigator Elissa Fleak, left, during her testimony at Dr. Conrad Murray's trial in pop star Michael Jackson's death in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011.

The more than four-minute audio recording was found on Murray's cell phone by forensic digital expert Stephen Marx. There was no indication why Murray made the recording.

With Murray murmuring agreement, Jackson referred to the children of the world as "angels" and said, "God wants me to do it. I'm gonna do it, Conrad."

Murray replied, "I know you would."

And, as he had done long ago with his Neverland ranch, he spoke of a place to raise children's spirits. "They're sick because they're depressed," he said.

The tape was played by prosecutors to show that Murray knew for weeks how Jackson was reacting to heavy sedatives the doctor was administering to help his patient sleep.

Toward the end of the recording, there is a period of silence before Murray asks, "You OK?"

Eight seconds pass then Jackson mumbles, "I am asleep."

Marx, an investigator with the Drug Enforcement Administration, testified Wednesday that he retrieved another recording from Murray's phone and other files that showed he was busy e-mailing, texting and handling messages about insurance for Jackson's concerts during the time the singer was believed to be under the influence of the powerful anesthetic propofol.

Stars take to Twitter to talk about Steve Jobs

Celebrities took to Twitter to share their thoughts about Steve Jobs' death Wednesday. A sampling of posts:

"Steve lived the California Dream every day of his life and he changed the world and inspired all of us. (hash) ThankYouSteve"—Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"My heart weeps for all who worked with Steve and who loved him, especially my friend Laurene and their children."—Maria Shriver.

"We will miss you, Steve Jobs. Sent lovingly from my iPhone."—actress Jane Lynch.

"For those of us lucky enough to get to work with Steve, it's been an insanely great honor. I will miss Steve immensely."—Bill Gates.

"Had the pleasure of working for him and knowing him. He was our Edison. R.I.P. Steve Jobs."—actor-writer-director Albert Brooks.

"Rest in Peace, Steve Jobs. Kinda can't believe he's gone. Carrying a little part of him in my pocket every day."—actress Martha Plimpton.

"Rest in peace, Steve Jobs. Your genius will live on for generations to come..."—actor Neil Patrick Harris.

"Rest in peace, Steve Jobs. You've changed forever the world you leave behind."—Katie Couric.

"Rare in a lifetime... To witness a single man revolutionize technology and the way we carry on with life as we know it... RIP Steve Jobs."—actor Wilmer Valderrama.

"We lost a man of true vision today. Condolences to the whole Apple family."—actor-director Jon Favreau.

"Such a sad day, I can trace my apple memories to the IIC when i was a kid. RIP."—singer Josh Groban.

"You guys I'm sad about Steve Jobs too but SteveJobs2 comes out in like a month."—actor Eli Roth.

"(hash)RIP (hash)SteveJobs, thank you for revolutionizing the way we listen to music. Your vision will not be forgotten."—The Grammys (Recording Academy).

"Damn. RIP STEVE JOBS. Thanx for all the stuff you gave us. Life is Short. Live it up."—rocker Benji Madden.

Eastern writers in buzz for Nobel literature prize

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Is it time for the Nobel Prize in literature to come from the east?

After last year's South American win and years of European dominance, many experts expect the Swedish Academy to do just that when it announces this year's winner on Thursday.

Many of the big names in Asian and Middle Eastern literature, including South Korean poet Ko Un and Syria's Adonis, have been mentioned as possible candidates for years, but still haven't received the prestigious, 10 million kronor ($1.4 million) award. The same goes for Algerian poet Assia Djebar and Israeli author Amos Oz.

"I know the academy doesn't think in this way, but I still feel it would be timely to give the prize to a Syrian poet during this period of uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa," said Maria Schottenius, a literature expert at the Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter. She has Adonis as her top bet and Oz as her second favorite.

Goran Sommardal, a culture critic at Swedish radio, said he hopes the Chinese female avant-garde author Can Xue or Chinese poet Bei Dao wins the award.

The jurors at the Swedish Academy don't give any hints of who will win the prize, but Permanent Secretary Peter Englund says the secretive academy has started to work actively to broaden its scope beyond Europe and the English-speaking world.

In the past two years the academy has boosted to between 10 and 15 the number of freelance experts proposing works in languages that jury members haven't mastered, he told the Associated Press.

Europeans have won seven of the last 10 prizes and the Swedish Academy has previously been criticized for ignoring writers from other parts of the world.

Last year's laureate, Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa, was the first South American writer to win the award since Gabriel Garcia Marquez in 1982. No American has won since Toni Morrison, in 1993, although American authors Philip Roth, Don DeLillo, Cormac McCarthy, Joyce Carol Oates and Thomas Pynchon are repeatedly mentioned as possible candidates.

Other writers that figure frequently in Nobel speculation include Canada's Alice Munro and Margaret Atwood, Albanian poet Ismail Kadare, Claudio Magris of Italy and Cees Nooteboom of the Netherlands.

New names that have sailed up this year are Poland's Olga Tokarczuk and Adam Zagajewski, Moroccan poet Tahar Ben Jelloun, Ferreira Gullar of Brazil, Peter Carey of Australia and Argentine author Cesar Aira.

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Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo
Science fiction/Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
A retired pugilist transitions to the business side of the ropes after human boxers are replaced by robotic ones in director Shawn Levy's feature-length adaptation of the Twilight Zone episode "Steel." Charlie Kenton (Hugh Jackman) was fighting for the title when the sport of boxing was changed forever. Now, instead of humans duking it out for the masses, huge, powerful steel robots trade blows in the ring. As a result, former gladiator Charlie has been forced into the role of two-bit promoter, piecing together cut-rate fighting bots from scrap metal as he makes the rounds on the underground boxing circuit.

Dream House
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Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
A successful New York writer (Daniel Craig) discovers that the country holds just as much menace as the big city after moving his family to a cozy New England town and discovering that their gorgeous new home was once the site of a brutal murder. The closer the writer and his wife (Rachel Weisz) get to their new neighbor (Naomi Watts), the more that details begin to emerge about the slaying of a devoted mother and her two children. Jim Sheridan (In America, Brothers) directs a script by David Loucka (The Dream Team, Problem Child).

What's Your Number?
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Anna Faris, Chris Evans
Comedy • Rated R

Abduction
Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
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Taylor Lautner, Alfred Molina
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Dolphin Tales
Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
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Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
Children's/family • Rated PG

Killer Elite
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Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
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Robert De Niro, Clive Owen, Jason Statham
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Contagion
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Teen's mom fails to heed nanny's words of warning

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I have worked as a nanny for many years for a divorced professional woman. She has a son and a daughter. The son, now 15, is smoking pot. I told his mom, but she's ignoring the problem. She said: "He's just experimenting. I want him to get it out of his system before he enters college."

I love this child, and I feel helpless. He knows better. The boy used to be very honest, but that's no longer the case. How can I help him when his mother isn't making an effort?

NANNY WHO CARES IN TEXAS

DEAR NANNY: Your employer seems to be clueless. What makes her think her son will get into college if he's spending his high school years stoned on weed? And for that matter, when he grows bored with grass, what makes her think he won't go on to "experiment" with stronger illegal substances? Hiding her head in the sand is not the answer.

Where is the boy's father? If the mother isn't up to the task of keeping her son on the straight and narrow, the father should be informed about what's going on.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother and "Simon," the man I consider my father, married when I was a toddler. Simon adopted me when I was in grade school. Most people believe he's my natural father, including my siblings. (I have no contact with or memory of my biological father.)

Last month at my brother's wedding, a guest commented to Dad about how much we look alike. Simon responded with, "Well, that would be tough." The guest replied, "Oh, she isn't yours?" and he said no. I was extremely hurt by his response. This has left me wondering if he feels differently about me than my sisters and brothers.

Nothing has been said since, and I feel I should let it go. Should I say something to my dad or just chalk it up to a stressful day for all of us?

FEELING EXCLUDED IN OHIO

DEAR FEELING EXCLUDED: Chalk it up to thoughtlessness on Simon's part. You became "his" when he adopted you. What he was focused on at the wedding was the question of biological relatedness, and I'm sure he didn't mean to slight you. Because this has troubled you enough to write to me, discuss it with your father and tell him how it made you feel, and give him a chance to explain.

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DEAR ABBY: We have two sons, both married with children. Unfortunately, their wives don't get along, which has resulted in strained family gatherings. There is now a tendency not to invite the "other" couple to family events. Our sons always got along with each other, but this has also strained their relationship.

Any suggestions? Should we, as parents, get involved and talk to both couples at the same time? It is heartbreaking to see our sons and our grandchildren miss out on together time.

SAD IN SYRACUSE

DEAR SAD: Talk to your sons separately—and then with their wives. Whatever has caused the tension between your daughters-in-law may take mediation to fix. You are right to be concerned, because if the cousins don't grow up knowing each other, the breach in the branches of your family will be permanent.

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TO MY JEWISH READERS: Tonight at sundown, Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, begins. It's a day of fasting, reflection, prayer and repentance. To all of you, may your fast be an easy one.

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$60 home movie? Sure, but it's still in theaters

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Movie studio Universal Pictures and its new parent, cable TV giant Comcast Corp., will try giving film buffs a chance to watch a movie that's still in theaters from the comfort of their living rooms. But the price tag for a single movie could have consumers spitting out their popcorn: $60.

The test involves "Tower Heist," a PG-13 rated comedy caper starring Eddie Murphy and Ben Stiller due out Nov. 4.

Subscribers to Comcast Corp.'s digital cable service who have a high-definition TV and live in Atlanta and Portland, Oregon, will be able to rent the movie starting Nov. 23 and watch it unlimited times in a 48-hour window. The test is available to about 500,000 people.

The cities were chosen because they are Comcast markets in which a significant number of people pay for digital cable and an HD channel package, a requirement to participate. Such services combined cost about $60 a month.

The two cities' residents also regularly go see movies in theaters, making the cities perfect petri dishes for testing whether people take up the offer without cutting back on theater-going. The idea is to target families who might pay just as much on tickets, popcorn and a babysitter, but have chosen not to because they'd rather stay at home.

Studios are looking for ways of generating new revenue as DVD sales sag but want to avoid hurting box office revenue. The test includes copy protection measures so it doesn't end up spurring a new wave of piracy.

Offering the watch-at-home product so soon after a movie's release will allow customers willing to shell out the money to take part in whatever cultural zeitgeist the film creates. The price is close to what sports fans have paid to watch exclusive live boxing or mixed martial arts matches at home.

"This experiment will allow the two companies to sample consumer appetite for this film in this window at this price while allowing the film to achieve its full potential at the box office," a Universal spokeswoman said in a statement.

John Fithian, president of the National Association of Theatre Owners, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

It's not the first such experiment and it won't be the last.

Earlier this year, several studios, starting with Sony Corp. offered movies for rent to DirecTV subscribers for $30 in a 48-hour window 60 days after they were released in theaters.

Movies usually take much longer to get to the home market—on average, a little more than four months—and people can rent those via set-top boxes for about $5 apiece.

The earlier test at DirecTV, dubbed "Home Premiere," created a backlash from big-name directors like Michael Bay of "Transformers" and James Cameron of "Avatar" who felt it would jeopardize theater-going.

The economy itself might be to blame for this year's declining box office take. So far, attendance at U.S. and Canadian theaters is down 5.4 percent, and ticket sales revenue is down 3.4 percent at around $8 billion, according to box office tracker Hollywood.com.

U.S. spending on renting and buying home videos, including paying for subscription services like Netflix Inc., was down 5 percent in the first half of the year compared to a year ago at $8.3 billion, according to the studios' Digital Entertainment Group.

Black Eyed Peas out of Jackson concert

LONDON (AP)—The Black Eyed Peas have pulled out of this week's Michael Jackson tribute concert in Wales.

Organizers say the band, whose hits include "I Gotta Feeling," has withdrawn due to "unavoidable circumstances."

Christina Aguilera, Smokey Robinson, Gladys Knight, Leona Lewis and Cee Lo Green are on the bill for Saturday's "Michael Forever" show at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

Chris Hunt, chief executive of event organizer Global Live Events, said Wednesday that the concert would be a "fantastic evening," despite the absence.

The show is not affiliated with Jackson's estate, but his mother Katherine and other relatives are scheduled to attend.

Organizers have rescinded an offer to the band Kiss over singer Gene Simmons' past criticism of Jackson.

George Clooney for President? No chance.

NEW YORK (AP)—George Clooney may have an interest in politics, both on-screen and off, but public office is one role he'd never take on.

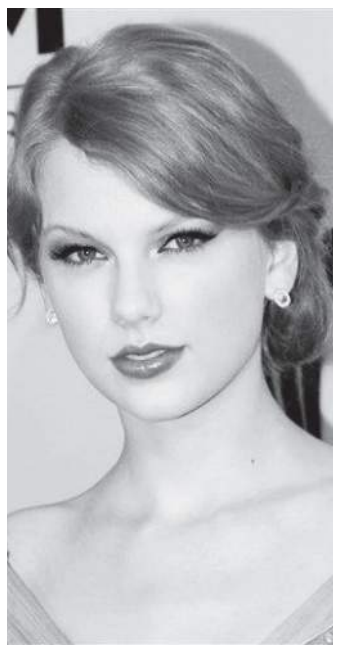
At the premiere of his latest political thriller, "The Ides of March," Wednesday in New York, Clooney admitted he'd never be able to make the "kind of compromises" required to get elected.

Clooney's father's unsuccessful run for Kentucky's 4th Congressional District in 2004 may have left a sour taste in his mouth, but it's the current political climate that keeps him from throwing his hat in the ring.

Director and actor George Clooney attends the premiere of "Ides of March" at the Ziegfeld Theatre on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011 in New York. AP

"It's still the most polarized time we've seen in a long time," said the 50-year-old Academy Award winner. "...Very difficult time getting anything done."

Clooney directs, co-wrote, produces and stars in the film opening Friday.



AP

In a Monday, Sept. 19, 2011 file photo, Taylor Swift arrives for the Academy of Country Music Honors show, in Nashville, Tenn.

Swift, Lady A and Jason Aldean honored again

NEW YORK (AP)—CMT's second annual Artists of the Year event will look a bit familiar: Three of last year's honorees will be feted once again.

Lady Antebellum, Taylor Swift and Jason Aldean will be celebrated for a second time, along with new honorees Brad Paisley and Kenny Chesney. CMT picks the five top artists in country music based on sales of albums and single downloads, country radio airplay, concert grosses and popularity on CMT.

The 90-minute taped special, which features performances during a dinner setting, will air Dec. 13 on CMT. "Top Chef" winner Stephanie Izard will prepare the food for the event, which tapes Nov. 29 in Nashville, Tenn.

Izard said she plans to talk to the honorees to get a feel for what they like to eat, and that will guide her food preparations.

"I think bringing their favorites ... something that's going to make them happy, that's what it's going to be all about," Izard said in an interview Tuesday.

Izard said music is a big inspiration for her in the kitchen, so she's excited about catering the event.

"I'm hoping that we can just celebrate food and celebrate music, and things that inspire people," she said.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Coroner: Warrant singer died of alcohol poisoning

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles County coroner's office has determined that Jani Lane, the former lead vocalist and songwriter for the 1980s glam metal band Warrant, died of alcohol poisoning. Lane, 47, was found dead in August in a motel in Woodland Hills, on the outskirts of Los Angeles. City News Service reported Wednesday that coroner's Lt. Larry Dietz said the cause of death was acute ethanol intoxication. Lane, born John Kennedy Oswald in Akron, Ohio, left Warrant in 2008. He was later arrested twice for driving under the influence and served time in jail.

Jessie J takes 4 prizes at Britain's MOBO awards

LONDON (AP)—This is turning out to be Jessie J's year. The 23-year-old singer is the big winner at Britain's MOBO music awards, taking four trophies including best album for her debut, "Who You Are." Her U.K. top 10 hit "Do It Like a Dude" took the prize for best song, and she was named best British act and best newcomer at the awards, which celebrate music of black origin. Other prizes went to Adele, who was named best R&B or soul act, and London rapper Tinie Tempah, who took the hip-hop prize. Rihanna was named best international act during the ceremony at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Center in Glasgow, while Boyz II Men were honored for outstanding contribution to music. The winners were chosen by online public vote.

New 'Sesame Street' Muppet for special on hunger

NEW YORK (AP)—"Sesame Street" is getting a new Muppet—at least for a night. The children's show is introducing a new puppet character named Lily for special on Sunday that talks to children about poverty and hunger. Lily is a 7-year-old who talks to viewers about insecurity over whether her family will have enough to eat. The puppet goes to a pantry for food and also volunteers there. "Sesame Street" executive Jeanette Betancourt says the show invents new Muppets occasionally, usually to help illustrate particular social issues. Four years ago a Muppet was created for a special on military families at a time of war. Country star Brad Paisley is host of Sunday's special, called "Growing Hope Against Hunger."

Pastimes

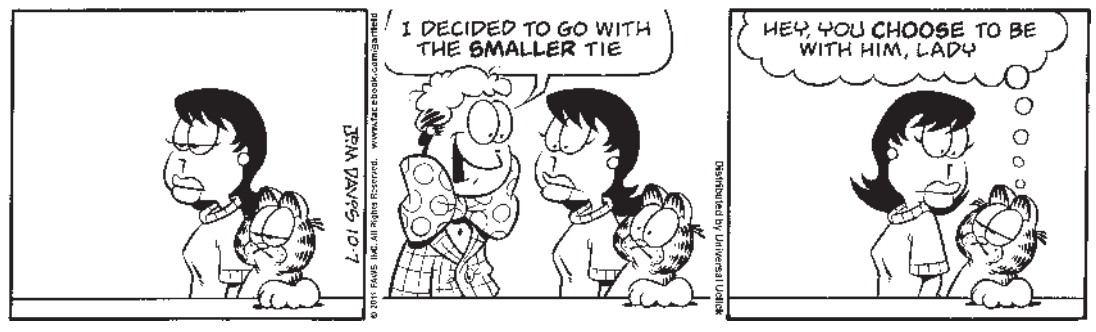
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WELL DAD, OFF TO WORK?
TOO BAD. I'M ON SUMMER VACATION, SO I GET TO STAY HOME AND DO WHATEVER I WANT.
WELL, GO OFF AND JOIN THE RAT RACE! MOM AND I ARE RACKING UP LOTS OF EXPENSES!
OOG.
I JUST DO THAT TO HELP HIM APPRECIATE THE WEEKENDS MORE.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



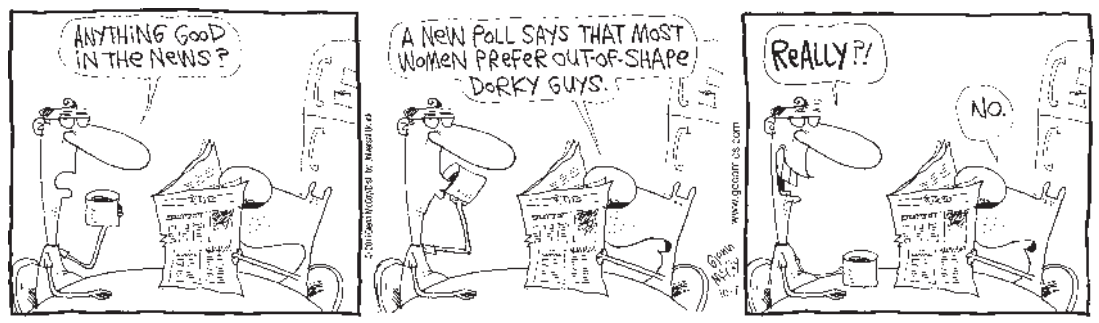
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT FANTASY FOOTBALL, POP?
ONE: IT'S ONLY A GAME.
TWO: IT'S ALL FOR FUN.
THREE, AND MOST IMPORTANT: NEVER, EVER, EVER PICK A KICKER WITH THE LAST NAME HOOK.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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14 Travail
15 Craze
16 Tropical perennial herb
18 What a hothead may lose
20 "Casablanca" lead role
21 — Khan
23 Skillet
24 Unruly hairdos
25 Greedy one's cry
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29 Mars, e.g.
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35 Puts on cargo
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38 Rural home
41 Chances, for short
43 Storm center
44 Birds, to Brutus
45 Surgical instrument
47 "Black Magic Woman" band
49 Mirror's offering
52 Family
53 Trail the pack
54 Money of Jordan
55 Cunning
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57 Obliterate

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4 Soft cheese
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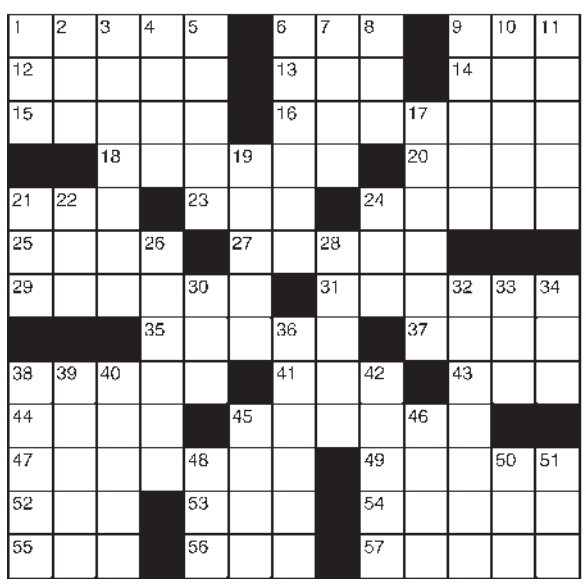
Yesterday's answer 10-7



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Shawn Ashmore, 32; Toni Braxton, 45; Simon Cowell, 52; Joy Behar, 69.

Happy Birthday: Don't sit on the sidelines when you have so much to offer. Let your imagination flow and tap into what you see and hear. It's the combination of your past experience coupled with your future goals that will bring you success. Don't contemplate what needs to be done; take action and reap the rewards. Your numbers are 5, 7, 13, 24, 26, 32, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Take on a challenge. Compete against yourself and strive to be your best. It's your enthusiasm and will to succeed that will attract favorable attention as well as interest in you and what you have to offer, both personally and professionally. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Ask for favors. A partnership can turn into a business venture that has the potential to grow and raise your income. You will gain respect and experience if you attend a function that has a connection to your current goals. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You can make professional gains if you share and present your ideas in a unique way. Let your imagination run wild and you will also attract personal interest that can lead to a partnership that is engaging, entertaining and profitable. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Plan to have fun and enjoy the moment, but don't take anything or anyone too seriously. Rely on your ability to get what you want. Whatever is offered will come with a price tag. Don't let an unexpected change disappoint you. It's a blessing in disguise. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Money will come to you from an unusual source. Creative investments will pay off. Open communication with someone who can contribute to your plans will result in a worthwhile partnership. Good fortune will result from networking, travel and being receptive to ideas and suggestions. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You need to get out more. Mingle with people who share your interests. Interesting developments will occur if you attend a conference or tradeshow, or if you share your ideas. A financial change looks promising. Put a little muscle into your plans. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Socialize and don't be afraid to step into the spotlight. You will attract some very interesting people who can fill a void in your life. It's time to spruce up your look, your life and your future. Don't be shy. Embrace opportunity, love and romance. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Someone you love may withhold information. Don't pry or you may ruin a surprise. Focus more on your relationships and you will discover that you have built a sturdy base in both your personal and professional life. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You can run the show if you want. Step into the limelight and do your best to help a cause or someone in need and you will make a lasting impression. Your Good Samaritan attitude will bring rewards that are far beyond your expectations. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): There is no room for error. Choose your battles wisely and your friends carefully. Stick close to home and protect what you've worked to acquire. Don't let a late change throw you off your game. Stick to your original plan and you'll succeed. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): There is nothing you cannot accomplish if you are determined to finish what you start. You can excel financially, legally and emotionally if you are honest and straightforward. Don't give in to emotional blackmail. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Dig deep and you will discover what you need to know. Someone you have worked with will play a strategic part in getting a project you want to pursue off the ground. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inventive, willing to stand-alone and stand out.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/07

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

CLOSET ORGANIZERS **Solution: 7 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Employer

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(2) Assistant Managers, (4) Supervisors. At least two years experience as Asst Manager or Supervisor. Must have valid HACCP Certification or equivalent Food Safety Training. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to psgspn@gmail.com RE: BARNY'S

(2) Bookkeepers. At least 2 yrs experience in food service business accounting. Knowledgeable in PIII Acctg Inventory & Costing. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to psgspn@gmail.com RE: BARNY'S

(2) Stock Clerks. At least 2 yrs experience food service business. Must have knowledge of HACCP Food Industry Safety Procedures. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to psgspn@gmailcom RE: BARNY'S

(1) Production Control Coordinator. Must be knowledgeable in setting up computer systems program. Must be HACCP Certified or knowledgeable in Food Safety Industry Grade Process. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to psgspn@gmailcom RE: BARNY'S

(3) Cooks, (4) Assistant Cooks, (9) Food Prep Workers. At least 2 yrs experience in Volume Food Production of 500 or more pax. Must have knowledge of HACCP food prep procedure. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to psgspn@gmailcom RE: BARNY'S

(12) Cafeteria Food Attendants. Must have knowledge of HACCP procedure in food service. Must have a valid BEH food handler's certificate. No phone calls please. E-mail resume to psgspn@gmailcom RE: BARNY'S

1-Accountant Bookeeper/Computer Operator - $5.05-$5.50 w/ 6 yrs exp & knowledge in Acctng & Taxes. Japanese Foods import/export docs related. Mail resume to SPE Saipan Box 502696 Saipan MP 96950

1–General Manager $910.00/bi-weekly. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fluent in Korean. Fax resume to 234-9796

1–Accountant-$5.05 - $5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs. exp in Peachtree/Quickbook Acctng. Fax resume to 234-9796

2–H.E. Operator $5.05 - $5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796

EMPLOYMENT

1–H.E. Mechanic $5.05 - $5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796

4–Electrician $5.05 - $5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs exp. bldg. electrician. Fax resume to 234-9796

1–Plumber $5.05 - $5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796

1–Carpenter $5.05 - $5.75/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796

1–Commercial Cleaner $5.05/hr. Min. of 5 yrs experience. Fax resume to 234-9796

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1 Architect. Degree required. 5 yrs exp. Utility residential design ACAD v2011. Send resume to P.O. Box 505339

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1 Sales Representative-With 6 months experience in direct selling of fish, minimum salary. Send resume to SFC P.O. Box 10005 Saipan, MP 96950

1–Accountant. $5.05-12.69/hr. Bachelor's Degree in accounting. 5 yrs working experience. Bring resume to Saipan Community School in Susupe.

1-School bldg maint./repairer. $5.05-8.08/hr. 5yrs experience. College or HS graduate. Bring resume to Saipan Community School in Susupe.

Oprtns Manager $10.00/hr. w/ 5 yrs exp. Excellent knwldg & skills, responsible for the daily oprtns & bldg maint. Do cost estimation & preparation of proposal & negotiation w/ clients.
Construction/Maint. $5.05/hr. w/ 3 yrs exp. Extensive knwldg in masonry, plumbing, electrical & carpentry. Can read blueprint & can work w/o supervision. Able to lift heavy blocks & flexible in work sched. Send resume to maniacop_lydia@yahoo.com. GMA Corp. dba NMI Contructor.

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1 Computer programmer, Sal. $5.05/hr. min. 4yrs exp. email resume to jikangahn@gmail.com, 235-4485 JJ Brothers Corp.

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1 Gen Manager, 1 Scuba Diving Instructor. $5.25 to $7.00/hr depending on qualification w/ min of 5 yrs exp. Must speak, write & read Japanese. Must be Certified Instructor by PADI. Napori Shoukai Inc. Tel: 322-2320

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1 Electrician $ 5.05/hr & 1 Commercial Cleaner $ 5.05/hr Contact C & H Saipan, Inc. @ 234-7709

1 Building and Grounds Maintenance $ 5.05/hr. Contact Pacific International Marianas, Inc. dba Midway Motors @ 234-7524

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1 Dressmaker (tailoring and custom design) Call Susan Island Style at 285-2906.

MAR PAC

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Marianas pacific Dist., Inc. is looking for highly motivated and experienced individuals to work as

Consumer Products Sales Representative

- Good Oral and Written Communications Skills
- Computer literate with proficiency in Microsoft Word Power Point, Excel and Outlook
- Must be a Self Starter
- Must be aligned with the core values of accountability, teamwork, trust and integrity
- Customer service oriented with an outgoing personality
- Must be able to work Evenings/Overtime
- Must possess valid CNMI Drivers License
- Must be 18 yrs of age or older
- Must be able to travel (with valid passport)

MarPac Dist., Inc Offers competitive salaries commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications may be picked up and submitted at the MARPAC office located in Gualo Rai Village – Saipan. Deadline of submission is on October 12, 2011.

NO TELEPHONE CALLS PLEASE.

As condition of Employment, MARPAC requires proof of identity and Eligibility to work in the CNMI. Drug testing, Police and Court Clearance.

MARPAC Dist., Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer

D&Q Saipan Co., Ltd is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

BOOKKEEPER

Associate's Degree in Accounting and a minimum of 2 years experience in general accounting procedures with emphasis in accounts receivables & payables are required. Must possess work-related skill, knowledge & experience in purchasing, inventory and bank reconciliation. Proficient in various computer software: MS Excel, Word, Outlook and ACCPAC/SBT or similar accounting systems

HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY SALES REPRESENTATIVE

Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing or a minimum of 3 years work related experience are required. Preferably with F&B/restaurant operations and menu preparation experience. Ability to speak Mandarin, Cantonese, Nihonngo or Korean language will be advantage. A valid driver's license is required along with a clean driving record. Availability to work on evenings, holidays and weekends is also required.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience.

Interested applicants must submit their application and/or resume at our Saipan office located in the C.T.S.I. building, Lower Base, by October 14, 2011. Applications may also be sent to: maxk@pticom.com. The successful applicant will be required to provide a police clearance.

D&Q is an equal opportunity employer and has a drug free work environment. Pre-employment and random drug testing may be required.

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150 KVA Generator (2006)
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Maintain Fleet of 30+ cars
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Fax resume to 288-3347 or mail to PMB 699 P.O. Box 100001 Saipan MP 96950

Vacancy Announcement
1- **Graphic Artist –** Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts. 5 yrs experience. Proficient in Illustrator / Photoshop CS5.
5- **Screen Printers –** 2 yrs experience. Knowledge in screen printing equipment & machines. Able to work flexible hours.
Submit Application to Saipan Apparel. Tel. 235-1680

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FARMER
at least 5 years experience
Please call 233-6183

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TEACHING POSITIONS
- High School Advanced Placement English and Math
- High School Science (Physics and Chemistry)
- High School Mandarin

STAFF POSITIONS
- Office Manager
- General Cleaner

If interested bring resume and police clearance to Saipan International Schools. No telephone calls please.

Vacancy Announcement

Caregiver/housekeeper/office maintenance. - Cleans and maintains business office & residence. Also monitors daily medications, prepares meals and laundry for a senior citizen with mild disabilities. Separate living accommodations provided. 3 to 5 years experience preferable.

Interested US applicants call 233-3339 on weekends or 233-6011 between 7PM and 8PM weekdays. Please leave a voice mail name and number. McPhetres Consulting.

Hairspectations Salon
Is looking for
Beauticians/Make-up Artist
Contact 287-6365

POLARIS DEVELOPMENT CORP. is looking for:
- **CARPENTER (3 positions)** - With background and experience in structural construction, in plumbing & masonry.
- **ALL AROUND BEAUTICIAN (6 positions)** - Must have knowledge in all services provided in a Salon
- **MASSEUSE (3 positions)**
- **BOOK KEEPER (1 position)** - with Bachelor degree in Accounting and with background in financial preparation.

All applicants must have at least 2 years experience and must have excellent knowledge and skills on the category they are applying for.

APPLY IN PERSON AND BRING RESUME

"Any applicant tentatively selected for these positions are required to submit and pass a drug test screening prior to employment."

For more info please call Ms. Jojo Faller at 235-5599, 483-1971 or 285-0019.

WANTED AVON REPRESENTATIVE
and earn up to 20% to 50% commission. Please call Ms. Jojo Faller at 323-4455 or 483-1971.

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Registrar (1)
Qualifications
Minimum 2 years experience in a Christian School;
Proficient in computer skills: excel, Word, Photoshop;
Proficient in filing/record-keeping;
Communication skills: community, parents, various ethnic groups;
Minimum 2 years experience in a Christian School;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.
Salary: $5.05 - $9.25

Pre-school teacher. (1)
Qualifications
Holder of Bachelor's degree preferably Early Childhood Education;
At least 2 years teaching experience in Early Childhood education, preferably in a Christian school;
Must be ACSI certified;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Salary: $5.05 - $7.71

Substitute Teacher (1)
Holder of a BA degree;
Must be flexible with substituting in any grade level;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Preferably ACSI certified.
Salary: $5.05 - $9.32

Bookkeeper (2)
Holder of Bachelor's degree preferably in Accounting;
At least 2 years experience preferably in a Christian atmosphere;
Can work independently and less supervision;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Knowledge in School Minder/Accountrak programs preferred.
Salary: $5.05 - $8.58

Maintenance – Repairer
Must have at least 2 years experience as ground/building maintenance;
Must be at least high school graduate;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure.
Salary: $5.05 - $7.89

2 Elementary School Teachers
1 Middle School Teacher
2 High School Teachers G9-G12)
Qualifications
Holder of Bachelor's degree in education or related field; major in any one of these subjects for middle school and High school, Math, Science, English;
At least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school;
Must be ACSI certified;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Salary: $5.19 - $18.26/hour

Business Administrator:
Holder of Bachelor's degree in Business Administration major in Accounting;
At least 5 years experience in a managerial capacity in the area of finance, and general services preferably in a Christian atmosphere;
Must be able to direct and administer financial/administrative operations of the organization;
Must be able to formulate & implement financial policies and procedures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
Must be able to prepare, analyze, and interpret financial reports;
Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
Must adhere to all school policies and procedure;
Salary: $7.75 - $24.64/hour

Interested applicants may download application form at www.gca-nmi.com
Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950
GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International

Grace Christian Academy Tinian Campus
is looking for:

2 Elementary School Teachers and 2 Junior High Teachers – Full Time
Qualifications:
- Must be a holder of Bachelor's degree with at least 2 years teaching experience, preferably in a Christian School
- Must be willing to submit previous employer reference (non-relative) providing a proven track record for timeliness, excellent work ethic and job/personal responsibility.
- Must accept without verbal or mental reservations both the Statement of Faith and the education/doctrinal beliefs and objectives of the school (Grace Christian Academy) and the church (Tinian Christian Assembly of God)
- Must Adhere to all school and church policies and procedures and be willing to perform various other duties outside a classroom setting if need be.

Salary: $5.05/hour

1 School Custodian worker – Part Time – 25 hours per week
Qualifications:
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and at least 2 years experience as a school custodian having experience maintaining/overseeing all day to day facility operations of a school including grounds keeping, general building maintenance and various other school and student related responsibilities.
- Must be willing to submit previous employer references (non-relative) providing a proven track record for timeliness, excellent work ethic and job/personal responsibility.
- Must accept without verbal or mental reservations both the Statement of Faith and the educational/doctrinal beliefs and objectives of the school (Grace Christian Academy) and the church (Tinian Christian Assembly of God)
- Must adhere to all school and church policies and procedures and be willing to perform various other duties outside regular job duties if need be.

Salary: $5.05/hour

Applications may be downloaded at www.gca-nmi.com
Please submit completed applications to:
Grace Christian Academy – Tinian / PO Box 520422 by mail or in person
GCA is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International

Grace Christian Academy Rota Campus
is looking for:

1 Preschool Teacher
Holder of high School Diploma and at least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian School

1 Elementary School Teacher
Holder of Bachelor's degree in education or related field; at least 2 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian School;
- Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school;
- Must adhere to all school policies and procedures;

Salary: $5.05/hour

Interested applicants may download application form at www.gca-nmi.com
Submit completed applications to:
Grace Christian Academy, Sinapalo 1, Rota, MP 96951
GCA is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT-WINCHELL'S DONUTS

a. 1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage range $7.50 per hour and up, depending on qualifications. College level. Must have at least 5 years of continued experience in managing bakery or similar operations. Must be able to manage 15 or more people and more than 1 store. Must be computer literate. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

b. 3 vacancies for **Store Supervisor**. Wage range $5.25 to $7.50 per hour depending on qualifications. College level, or an equivalent of at least 4-5 years of continued experience in supervising bakery operations. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

c. 8 vacancies for **Sales Associates**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 4-5 years of continued experience in sales. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

d. 6 vacancies for **Donut Makers/Bakers**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 3 years experience in baking. Knowledge in operating a cash register or POS system preferred. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have a reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test.

Please get application forms and submit them at our Winchell's Garapan location from 8am to 12noon or email them to dennys@guam.net

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

General Manager (1 position) $2,500 per month
- Knowledgeable in electrical products, retail/wholesale stores procedures to include: quotations, sales, payments, materials ordering, receiving, warehousing, and distribution.
- Familiar in electrical materials pricing in CNMI, including latest electrical products
- Must have knowledge in Point of Sales system and have experience in managing store/maintenance staff
- Have experience in importing/exporting electrical products, via air or shipping (Guam, Korea, USA)
- Have experience dealing and negotiating with customers and suppliers
- Must be bilingual (English & Korean Language), with at least 5 years work experience as Procurement Manager

Bidding Manager (1 position) $1,800 per month
- Knowledgeable in Project Contracting Activity Standards such as; Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), USACE, NAVFAC, CNMI Procurement, CNMI ARRA
- Knowledgeable in International Construction Standards; NEC, EM 385-1-1, OSHA, CNMI, and local government laws.
- Have ability to detailing project scope of works and requirements
- Have ability to read and analyze electrical plans, wiring diagram, layout, and technical specifications
- Knowledgeable in project estimate and project schedule (BOM/BOQ, labor cost, equipment cost, material specifications, etc.)
- Must be Licensed Electrical Engineer, with at least 5 years experience in Federal Project Contracting Activity

Assistant Office Manager (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Have experience in preparing bank and other government agencies documents, lease agreements, monthly billings, collection reports, bank reconciliation, wire transfers requests, online transactions, and all other correspondences with vendors and customers
- Have experience in renewal of business licenses, permits, filing of various tax returns;
- Have experience representing company when dispute arises (CUC, Tax & Revenue, Zoning, and Division of Customs)
- Must be proficient in Peachtree Accounting software. Knowledgeable in accounting system (payroll, receivable/payable, withholding taxes, FICA tax, BGR tax, annual corporate tax, 1040 tax and all other types of tax required from a corporate company)
- College graduate, with at least 5 years experience in accounting system, office management and administration

Computer Programmer (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Experience in computer system (networking, programming), CCTV system, and communication system
- Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures
- Knowledgeable in Point of Sales software system, record of sales, stocks inventory, data base, and networking
- Familiar in sales operations, stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Must be bilingual (English & Chinese Language), with at least 5 years experience in Computer Programming/Networking

Electrical Maintenance Supervisor (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Experience in building inspection, maintenance, repair, safety measures, housekeeping and waste management
- Ability to handle tenants maintenance work request (electrical, plumbing, mechanical, carpentry, and others)
- Knowledgeable in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws
- Familiar in maintenance tools and equipment, building materials and appliances, and equipment spare parts
- Must be bilingual (English & Chinese Language), with at least 2 years experience in building management system

Electrician (2 positions) $5.05 per hour
- Knowledgeable in electrical system installations in accordance with NEC and local government standards
- Knowledgeable in electrical product sales, stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Have experience dealing and negotiating with customers and suppliers (product quotation, usage, benefits)
- Knowledgeable in electrical market conditions, product innovations, and competitor's products prices.
- Must have driver's license, with at least 5 years experience in electrical installation and product sales

Carpenter (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Have experience in construction building repairs and maintenance (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and others)
- Familiar in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws
- Knowledgeable in using maintenance tools and equipment (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and others)
- Familiar with stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Must have at least 15 years experience in construction and building maintenance, repairs, and installation

Interested applicants may send resume to hongeei@pticom.com. No phone call please.
HONG ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
JC MARKETING, INC. (SAIPAN)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (MEDICAL/CONSUMER)

College Graduate or High School Diploma with 4 years work related experience required. Knowledge on Medical and Consumer products. Computer Literate. Ability to discuss short-term and long term expansion solutions to top management. Ability to establish good relationship with clients/customers; resolve clients problems and complaints. Ability to provide creative ideas for the development of new products. Knowledge in updating website for introducing and promoting products to potential customers. Ability to research medical products and prepare proposals. Be able to negotiate with vendor or potential sources. Must have reliable transportation, driver license and health certificate.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE (MEDICAL/INDUSTRIAL)

College Graduate or High School Diploma with 4 years work related experience required. Knowledge on Medical and Industrial products. Computer Literate. Ability to discuss short-term and long term expansion solutions to top management. Ability to establish good relationship with clients/customers; resolve clients problems and complaints. Ability to provide creative ideas for the development of new products. Ability to research medical and industrial products and prepare proposals. Be able to negotiate with vendor or potential sources. Must have reliable transportation, driver license and health certificate.

ACCOUNTING/ADMINISTRATION ASSOCIATE

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Accounting with 4 years work related experience required. Excellent in numbers, calculations, accounting principles, practices and procedures as well as office record keeping practices and methods, inventory management; proficient in accounting/inventory software and advanced knowledge in Microsoft office tools. Assumes responsibility for effectively researching, tracking and resolving accounting or documentation problems and discrepancies; reconcile business partners accounts; possess problem solving abilities and able to work under time constraints. Able to support Development Associate in research and product costing.

DELIVERY PERSON

High School Diploma with 4 year work related experience required. Capable of lifting, transferring and moving heavy load; ability to operate forklift. Able to perform standard warehousing and merchandising duties if needed like loading and unloading orders, stocking inventory, maintaining warehouse, vehicles and warehouse equipment for the purpose of ensuring safe operation of vehicle. Knowledge on basic math; read and follow instructions; understand multi-step written and oral instructions. Performed other duties as needed. Possess valid driver license and health certificate.

Interested applicants must submit resume via email at adminspn@jcmarketinginc.com or fax at 235-6336.
Current Police Clearance must be submitted together with resume.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Date: September 29, 2011 **Close Date: October 5, 2011**

Position:	**(1) Manager, Sales & Mkgt.**
Salary:	$2,500.00 monthly
Job Qualification:	AA Degree / College Graduated / (10) Years Experience. Japanese Speaking.
Position:	**(1) Asst. Manager, Sales & Mkgt.**
Salary:	$1,850.00 monthly
Job Qualification:	AA Degree / College Graduated / (10) Years Experience. Korean Speaking.
Position:	**(1) Executive Chef**
Salary:	$2,350.00 monthly
Job Qualification:	College Graduated / (10) Years Experience. Japanese Speaking.
Position:	**(1) Sous Chef**
Salary:	$1,850.00 monthly
Job Qualification:	College Graduated / (10) Years Experience.
Position:	**(1) Supervisor, Reservation**
Salary:	$8.00 per hour
Job Qualification:	minimum AA Degree / College Graduated / (5) Years Experience. Japanese Speaking.
Position:	**(2) Supervisor, Front Desk**
Salary:	$8.00 per hour
Job Qualification:	minimum AA Degree / College Graduated / (10) Years Experience. Japanese Speaking.
Position:	**(1) Supervisor, Dining Room**
Salary:	$7.60 per hour
Job Qualification:	College Graduated / (5) Years Experience. Chinese Speaking.
Position:	**(1) Asst. Manager, Maintenance**
Salary:	$1,850.00 monthly
Job Qualification:	College Graduated/Mechanical Engineer (5) Years Experience.
Position:	**(3) Accountant**
Salary:	$5.05 per hour
Job Qualification:	AA Degree / College Graduated / (5) Years Experience.
Position:	**(1) Clerk, Front Desk**
Salary:	$5.05 per hour
Job Qualification:	High School Graduated (5) Years Experience.
Position:	**(9) Waitress/Waiter**
Salary:	$5.05 per hour
Job Qualification:	High School Graduated / (5) Years Experience. Preferably Japanese Speaking.
Position:	**(8) Cook**
Salary:	$5.05 per hour
Job Qualification:	High School Graduated (10) Years Experience.
Position:	**(3) Electrician**
Salary:	$5.05 per hour
Job Qualification:	High School Graduated / (10) Years Experience.
Position:	**(2) Building General Maintenance**
Salary:	$5.05 per hour
Job Qualification:	High School Graduated / (10) Years Experience.

For more information you may contact Mr. Juan I. Tenorio, Manager for Human Resources Department at (670) 234-6495/8 ext. 5840/2.
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ST. JUDE RENAL CARE FACILITY, INC.
is looking for:

Nurse Supervisor (1 position) - $15.00 - $18.00 an hour
- Must pass NCLEX-RN and current CNMI RN License.
- Attended a hemodialysis training program and management of hemodialysis inpatient and outpatient care.
- Must hold a degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- At least four years hemodialysis experience and plus three years as a charge nurse in dialysis.
- English Language skills-Proficient in verbal, written and comprehension.
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.
- Certified Nephrology Nurse-(CNN) Preferred.
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.
- Flexible with time schedule

Registered Nurse (5 positions) - $10.00 - $15.00 an hour
- Must pass NCLEX-RN and current CNMI RN License.
- Attended a hemodialysis training program.
- Must hold a degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- One to five years hemodialysis experience or related field.
- English Language skills-Proficient in verbal, written and comprehension.
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.
- Certified nephrology Nurse (CNN)-Preferred.
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.

Licensed Practical Nurse (1 position) - $7.00 – 9.00 an hour
- Must pass NCLEX-RN and current CNMI LPN License.
- Attended a hemodialysis training program.
- One to four years hemodialysis experience or related field.
- English Language skills-Proficient in verbal, written and comprehension.
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.

Hemodialysis Technician (7 positions) - $7.00 - $9.00 an hour
- Certificate from a Junior College/Technical school in health care related field
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Three years hemodialysis experience-preferred
- Must be CCHT certified by the Nephrology Nursing Certification Commission
- English Language skills-Proficient in verbal, written and comprehension.
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.

Building Maintenance & Repair (2 positions) - $7.00 - $9.00 an hour
- Performs a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair tasks.
- Performs preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing, and security systems, solar panel maintenance and construction and with solectra inverter experience.
- Performs rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and partitions.
- Maintains and repairs various equipment.
- High school graduate or equivalent.
- Prefer skills training in electrical, plumbing and other building trades areas.
- Extensive work experience with hemodialysis/maintenance/plumbing & construction is required.
- In-service train with Baxter phoenix machine.
- Experience with Ameriwater bicarbonate distribution system.
- Must have a valid driver's license.

Water Treatment Technician (2 positions) - $6.00 - $8.00 an hour
- The water treatment technician must be able to perform a number of tasks which may at first glance not appear difficult but require a high degree of knowledge and experience to properly operate and maintain the system. The ideal employee will posses:
- Operational knowledge of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems
- Knowledge of the theory of fluid dynamics
- Understand the mathematical relationships and common formulas of basic water treatment and distribution systems.
- Know the specific operations of the water treatment and distribution systems unique to a dialysis unit.
- Be familiar with infection control of hemodialysis facilities.
- Be familiar with the safety and life safety policies.
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BANK OF SAIPAN, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ILC CORPORATION dba LADERA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SAIPAN, et. al
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-0092

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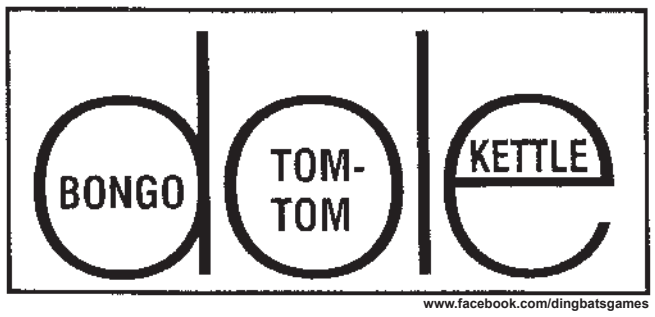

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D-backs send NLDS to Game 5 with 10-6 win

PHOENIX (AP)—Counted out by most everyone else, the Arizona Diamondbacks are in position to complete another comeback. And this one could be the greatest of the bunch.

Ryan Roberts hit a grand slam, Chris Young had the first two-homer game in Arizona's postseason history and Diamondbacks beat the Milwaukee Brewers 10-6 Wednesday night to force Game 5 in the NL division series.

"We're not going to give up, even when we're down 2-0," said Young, who drove in three runs. "In the clubhouse, we still believed we could do it. At the time our goal was to get back to Milwaukee. We've reached that, so it's a toss-up now. We're going to be ready to go."

A day after rolling over the Brewers 8-1, the Diamondbacks struck quickly and often in Game 4, scoring five runs in the first inning off Randy Wolf. The Diamondbacks became the second team—with the 1977 Dodgers—to hit grand slams in consecutive playoff games.

Arizona evened the series at 2-all and sent it back to Milwaukee for the decisive game Friday. It will be a rematch of Game 1 between 21-game winner Ian Kennedy of the Diamondbacks and fellow right-hander Yovani Gallardo.

Written off by many after being outscored 13-5 in the first two games, baseball's best rally team—48 comeback wins during the regular season—has put itself in position to become just the eighth team overall to win a best-of-five series after trailing 0-2.

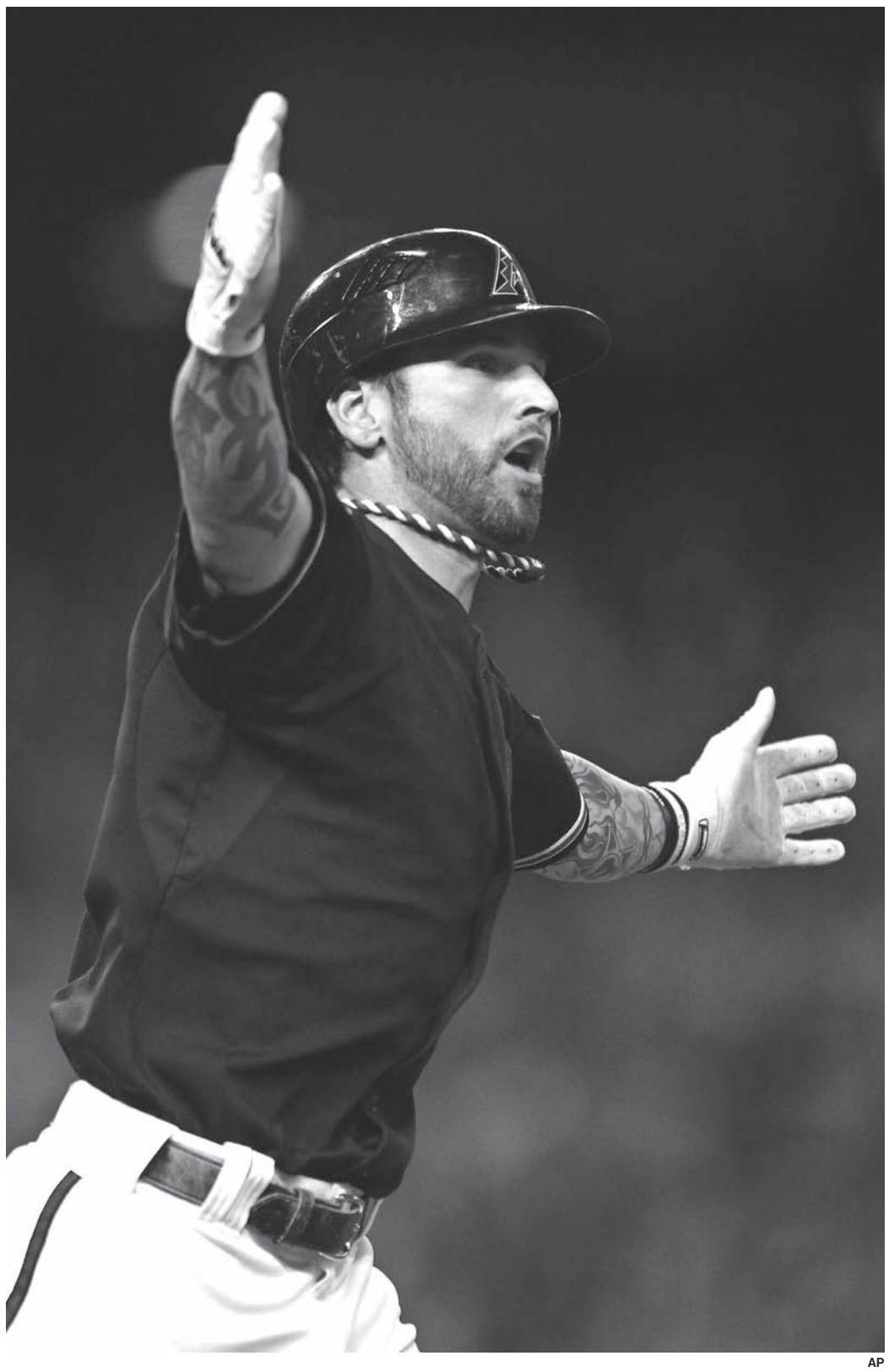
"We had confidence all year, we had confidence when we were down 0-2," Roberts said. "Anything can happen, that's why you play this set of five."

Aaron Hill hit a solo shot for Arizona's first four-homer game in the postseason. Pinch hitter Collin Cowgill added a two-run single and the bullpen held on after a less-than-crisp outing by starter Joe Saunders, preventing Milwaukee from winning a postseason series for the first time since reaching the 1982 World Series.

Of the four opening-round playoff series, three are going to Game 5. Detroit visits the New York Yankees on Thursday night and St. Louis is at Philadelphia on Friday night. The only other time a trio of division matchups went the distance was 2001, the year Arizona won the World Series.

"This team is resilient," Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said. "We're going to play hard and I expect this team to have a real good game on Friday."

The NL West champion Diamondbacks punctuated their worst-to-first finish with grand slams in their final two home games of the regular season, then kept slamming 'em at Chase Field in the playoffs.



AP

Arizona Diamondbacks' Ryan Roberts celebrates his first-inning grand slam against the Milwaukee Brewers in Game 4 of baseball's National League division series, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011, in Phoenix.

Paul Goldschmidt was the star in Game 3, becoming the third rookie ever to hit a grand slam in the playoffs. He had the crowd buzzing when he strode to the plate against Wolf with the bases loaded in the first inning. He couldn't come, through; Wolf struck him out looking.

Roberts sure did, though, lining his second grand slam in four home games over the wall in left. The shot had the crowd roaring and got his teammates out of the dugout doing "The Snake," a Miguel Montero-created move that involves cupping the right hand and making a striking motion—like, well, a snake head.

Roberts' drive made Arizona the first team in major league history to hit grand slams in four straight home games (regular and postseason), according to STATS LLC and the SABR home run log.

"In that situation, I just wanted to get on base, not try do anything too much," Roberts said. "Just see a pitch in that I could drive and put a pretty good swing on it."

Young followed with a shot to give the Diamondbacks back-to-back homers for the first time in their postseason history, then celebrated with a snake strike after putting Arizona up 5-1.

Wolf, 0-2 with a 6.08 ERA in two starts against Arizona during the regular season, lasted just two more innings after allowing seven runs on eight hits.

"I don't think it has anything to do with the D-backs," Roenicke said. "I think Wolfy, when he gets in trouble, his location isn't there, and you saw that in the first inning."

Cowgill pushed Arizona up 7-3 with a two-run single in the third, Hill hit his solo homer in the sixth and Young lifted a two-run shot in the seventh.

Carlos Gomez hit a two-run homer off David Hernandez in the eighth to cut Arizona's lead to 10-6, but it was too late for the Brewers.

Cardinals 5, Phillies 3

In St. Louis, big swings by a slumping hitter, clutch innings by a journeyman pitcher. Suddenly, the St. Louis Cardinals are looking very dangerous.

As for the Philadelphia Phillies? Things have turned downright squirrelly.

David Freese, shut down by Phillies aces the first three games, became a hometown star Wednesday night. He homered, doubled and drove in four runs as the Cardinals defeated nemesis Roy Oswalt and forced a deciding fifth game in their NL playoff series by beating the favored Phillies 5-3.

"This is what you worked for," said Freese, a local prep star who came to the Cardinals in a trade for Jim Edmonds after the 2007 season. "Just to do this in front of the fans of St. Louis and a bunch of friends and family, it's amazing."

Center fielder Jon Jay made a sliding catch on Placido Polanco's soft fly for the final out, and was already pointing his index finger before he got to his feet.

"We're not looking at this like we're just happy to be here and it's David and Goliath," Cardinals slugger Lance Berkman said.

Now it's back to Philadelphia for Game 5 on Friday night. Roy Halladay, who won the opener for the Phillies, will face St. Louis ace Chris Carpenter—they played together in Toronto for five years.

"They're good friends and old teammates, and Carp was really chomping at the bit for this opportunity to pitch against Roy on full rest in a huge Game 5," Cardinals outfielder Matt Holliday said. "It should be quite a battle and then it'll be fun to watch two great competitors go head to head and two great teams get after it."

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel agreed.

"Might be fitting that it goes down to the fifth game," he said. "It's up to us to go get it. It's sitting right there for us. We've got our ace going, and we're at home, and so everything is sitting right there."

The 102-win Phillies were picked by many to win it all. But first they must dispose of the wild-card Cardinals, who clinched a playoff spot on the last day of the season and have gotten the best of two members of the Phils' star-studded rotation.

An omen, maybe: Right after Oswalt threw a pitch in the fifth, a squirrel darted across the plate.

Oswalt argued, unsuccessfully, that the creature's dash had distracted him on a pitch called a ball.

"I didn't want to stop in the middle of my motion, so I threw it," Oswalt said. "I was wondering what size of animal it needed to be for it not to be a pitch."

Manuel argued, to no avail.

"Of course, being from the South and being a squirrel hunter, if I had a gun there, might have did something," Manuel said. "I'm a pretty good shot."

Albert Pujols was hitless in four at-bats in what could have been his final home game with the Cardinals. He received thunderous cheers every trip to the plate from a standing room crowd of 47,071, second-largest at 6-year-old Busch Stadium.

Pujols made his presence known on defense, catching Chase Utley going for an extra base in the sixth. Utley drew a leadoff walk and kept running on Hunter Pence's grounder to short, but Pujols alertly jumped off first base to catch the throw and made a sharp relay to third for the out.

"This is obviously the playoffs, but that's a play I can make in the regular season, too," Pujols said. "If I would have stayed on the bag, it was going to be tough to get the runner at third. Obviously, that killed the rally right there."

Edwin Jackson recovered from a rocky beginning to win his first playoff start. After giving up two runs on his first five pitches, he wound up throwing six solid innings. Jason Motte worked a perfect ninth for his second save of the series.

Phillies cleanup hitter Ryan Howard, like Freese a St. Louis product, was 0 for 4 with three strikeouts. He is 0 for 8 the last two games with five strikeouts and has hit only one ball out of the infield.

"I think I've been a little bit anxious trying to go up and trying to make things happen instead of letting things happen," Howard said. "Right now I'm just kind of jumping, so just try to recognize pitches better."

Oswalt had been 5-0 with a 3.25 ERA in 10 previous postseason starts, the biggest closing out old Busch Stadium and the Cardinals in 2005 to get Houston to its first World Series. The right-hander also worked seven shutout innings against St. Louis in the Phillies' NL East division clincher in mid-September.

"It's good to get some early runs, for sure," Oswalt said. "I felt pretty comfortable after that. Just two bad pitches."

The biggest jolts for the Cardinals came from their seventh-place hitter. Freese was 2 for 12 the first three games with one RBI before punishing the fourth of the Phillies' aces.

Freese's two-run double down the third-base line in the fourth put St. Louis up 3-2. His two-run homer to straightaway center in the sixth whipped the crowd into a towel-waving frenzy.

Oswalt walked Berkman and hit Holliday, making his first start of the series, to start the fourth. Pence made a fine running catch on the right field warning track to rob Yadier Molina of extra bases, but Freese jumped on a hanging curveball with a drive down the left-field line.

Holliday singled with one out in the sixth and Freese hit a 1-0 pitch to the pasture in straightaway center, not far from where a squirrel made an early appearance, for a three-run cushion. A squirrel also interrupted play in the fifth, racing across the plate an instant after Oswalt's pitch to Skip Schumaker passed for a ball.

Oswalt argued with plate umpire Angel Hernandez, asking for no pitch. On the next, Schumaker flied out.

In Game 3 Tuesday, a squirrel was seen scampering in foul territory along the third base line.

Five pitches into the game, the Phillies had a 2-0 lead with an assist from the late-afternoon playing conditions.

Jay, standing in bright sunshine while shadows, took one step in on leadoff man Jimmy Rollins' drive on the first pitch of the game and retreated too late for a ball just over his glove that bounced over the wall for a ground-rule double.

Utley tripled just inside the first-base line three pitches later and Pence lined an RBI single on the next pitch.

Lockout not derailing D-Wade's off-court dealings

MIAMI (AP)—The status of Dwyane Wade's real job is decidedly uncertain.

Nonetheless, the rest of his business seems to be booming.

Wade spent much of this week in New York at what he and his team call the "Brand Wade Summit," during which the Miami Heat star and partners like Gatorade, Jordan Brand, Hublot watches and other companies get together for a series of meetings about where they've been—and, most importantly, where they're going next.

Even with the NBA lockout going strong, Wade's off-court deals are doing just fine as well.

"It's taken on a whole other life," Wade said in a telephone interview at the end of Wednesday's summit session. "It's something that not only we look forward to, but the partners look forward to it every year. It's become like one of those annual retreats where you can't wait to sit down and get to business."

Broke when he entered the league eight years ago, Wade is now believed to make more in off-court earnings than in on-court salary, which was about $14 million alone this past season. His portfolio is steadily growing, with Wednesday marking the launch of a product he's involved with called Court Grip, something designed to keep players from slipping on basketball courts.

"I think it's going to change the game of basketball," Wade said.

And at this time of year, Wade starts getting geared up for the game of basketball—even though no one knows when the Heat will have their next meaningful contest. Wade will take part in a meeting about the ongoing labor talks in New York on Friday, acknowledging to The Associated Press that he is not sure what to expect.

"I look forward to learning something that I didn't learn two years ago," Wade said, referring to the session at the 2010 All-Star weekend in Dallas where players left dismayed over the status of talks between the union and the league. "Hopefully, it's different information, something that will move us forward."

This weekend, the lockout will enter its fourth month. Some preseason games have already been canceled, and more could be wiped off the schedules very soon unless the league and its players can quickly find common ground.

"Players are ready to play," Wade said, reiterating something he's said many times this offseason. "We're not on strike. It's a lockout."

He's found ways to stay busy, of course.

There were trips to Europe for fashion shows, to China for business opportunities, and around this country for commercial shoots, meetings, events and even some forays into the entertainment world. He's scheduled to appear with other NBA stars for a charity game in North Carolina on Saturday, then will help headline an event for more NBA players in Miami on Oct. 8—along with Heat teammates LeBron James and Chris Bosh.

"We're hoping to do something for the community," Wade said.

Much of what's gone on in Wade's personal life has been tabloid fodder for years. He went through a long divorce, followed by an often-difficult custody fight for his children: two boys who were ultimately placed in his custody. He also had to go to court last year over a series of failed business deals, those lawsuits eventually being settled before any trials were completed.

Even with all those issues, Wade was able to not only keep his marketability, but see it grow.

"The biggest thing, and what I told some of the partners in the summit, was me thanking them for their constant support with everything that I've been through the last couple years on and off the court," Wade said. "And even now, we don't have a season right now, but they're still moving forward, still diving in to a way that we can all benefit from the brand that we all built together. That's why I love the partners I have. I know I'm lucky."

He'd be luckier if the NBA season starts sometime soon.

Wade, James and Bosh were certainly the most scrutinized trio of players on any team in the league last season. The Heat saw a huge boost in popularity after the three stars decided to team up in Miami in July 2010, and in turn, Wade has seen even more opportunities come his way because of the added exposure.

His team looks into just about every opportunity, looking for that next thing that might fit into Wade's brand. For now, anyway, the lockout hasn't derailed any of those interests.

"People don't need to necessarily see me in the jersey to understand who I am and what message I'm trying to get across with the things that I'm marketing," Wade said. "It's about taking advantage of the opportunities you have right now, and right now we're in a position where you call somebody and they're willing to pick up and take the call because they're a fan, you have to take advantage of that and have a chance to capitalize on your ideas."

Woods signs 1st major endorsement deal in 2 years

SAN MARTIN, Calif. (AP)—Tiger Woods has his first major endorsement since his downfall two years ago, announcing a deal Wednesday with Rolex to be one of its ambassadors.

Woods had lost five major endorsements in the two years since he was exposed for serial adultery and eventually divorced. He previously had a watch deal with Tag Heuer, which dropped him two months ago.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed, although it is believed to be longer than five years.

Woods earlier this year announced a deal in Japan to endorse a heat rub product for Kowa Company Ltd., although that was geared exclusively for Japanese markets.

The Rolex deal is far more significant, and it was announced the day Woods returned to the PGA Tour at the Frys.com Open. His agent at Excel Sports Management, Mark Steinberg, promised more deals to come.

"This makes a big statement," Steinberg said at CordeValle, where he was watching Woods tee off in the pro-am. "I think this shows me where people are with Tiger Woods."

Woods has lost endorsement deals with AT&T, Accenture, Tag Heuer, Gatorade and Gillette since his downfall.

Steinberg said Rolex would be the first of a "couple of announcements" related to endorsements, including a deal for Woods' golf bag. He has had his foundation logo on the bag since AT&T dropped him a month after Woods' sex scandal unfolded in November 2009.

He said a bag deal was likely to be announced as early as six weeks. Woods has been in negotiations with Fry's Electronics, sponsor of this week's tournament, although those discussions have been going on for most of the year.

This is a return to Rolex of sorts for Woods. He had an endorsement deal with Tudor, a Rolex brand, when he first turned pro.

Swiss-based Rolex said it was paying tribute "to the exceptional stature of Tiger Woods and the leading role he plays in forging sport's global appeal."

"Rolex is convinced that Tiger Woods still has a long career ahead of him, and that he has all the qualities required to continue to mark the history of golf," the company said in a statement.

Woods has 14 majors and 82 wins worldwide, although none since he won the Australian Masters on Nov. 15, 2009. He fell out of the top 50 in the world ranking for the first time in 15 years.

He missed most of this summer recovering from injuries to his left leg. Woods is playing four more times this year, starting with the Frys.com Open, followed by the Australian Open, Presidents Cup and the Chevron World Challenge.

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Pacquiao: No mercy vs last brave Mexican

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BOXING

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines—Manny Pacquiao has found a reason to become the hungry and ruthless boxer he once was.

Pacquiao on Tuesday said his November 12 fight in Las Vegas, Nevada with Juan Manuel Marquez would be symbolic because he considers him as the last Mexican standing.

The boxing superstar vowed he would no longer be compassionate inside the ring.

"This time it's different," said the pound-for-pound king. "This would not be like the other [fights]. It would be a fight for national pride."

Pacquiao made this statement after his eight-round sparring session with former two-time world champion Jorge Linares of Venezuela at the Shape Up gym here.

Linares, who is scheduled to fight Antonio DeMarco for the vacant World Boxing Council lightweight title in Los Angeles on October 15, also trains under Pacquiao's coach Freddie Roach.

Showing he's nearing tip-top shape, Pacquiao did seven rounds of mitt training with Roach after battling Linares.

Pacquiao said he would focus on improving his speed in the last few days of his training. He will close his training camp here Friday afternoon before heading for Manila.

Solid undercard

Rising star Timothy Bradley, a possible future opponent of Pacquiao, tangles with veteran Joel Casamayor in the undercard of the Pacquiao- Marquez trilogy on November 12.

The unbeaten Bradley (27-0 with 11 KOs) will be dangling his World Boxing Council super lightweight crown against the 40-year-old Casamayor (38-5-1 with 22 KOs), who is bidding to become the first three-division champion from Cuba.

An impressive victory would most likely line up Bradley among Pacquiao's probable challengers next year, according to MiamiHerald.com.

The addition of Bradley-Casamayor bolstered the undercard of Pacquiao-Marquez III, which is projected to draw about 17,000 spectators, generate gate sales of about $11.7 million and pay-per-view hits of 1.4 million.

Also on tap is the battle between junior welterweight prospects Mike Alvarado (31-0 with 22 KOs) of Denver and Colombian Bredis Prescott (24-3 with 19KOs).

Filipinos seeing action in the card are welterweight champion Dennis Laurente, WBO Oriental featherweight titlist Lorenzo Villanueva and junior bantamweight Fernando Lumacad of General Santos City. ***(With AP)***

SSC free swim clinic on Oct. 13

SSC 2011

The Saipan Swim Club in cooperation with the Mariana Resort & Spa will be hosting a free swim clinic on Oct. 13 at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

No less than XTERRA pro Mieko Carey will hold the clinic that will run from 5pm to 6pm.

"This clinic is open to children who can swim freestyle, but want to improve their techniques. It will be good practice for the upcoming All Schools Meet. It will focus on stroke techniques and kicking," SSC's Lisa Kimball said in an email to *Saipan Tribune.*

Interested participants must pre-register by Oct. 11, as only 20 slots are allotted for the one-hour clinic.

Kimball added that they hope to hold a few more clinics in the future both for adults and children.

For more information, contact Kimball at coach@saipanswimclub.com. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

UFO

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"The procedure on protesting a game is set forth on page 70 of the rulebook. (1) when protesting, the team must state its reasons for the protest in writing within 24 hours after the game; (2) a security deposit of $250 must be turned in and it will be refundable only upon winning the protest," stated in the copy of ground rules Malasarte forwarded to *Saipan Tribune*.

"It's final. The protest is invalid," Malasarte said.

VisMinda coach Marlon Sison in a telephone interview said they personally handed Malasarte a copy of the protest letter at Hard Rock Café last Wednesday afternoon and told the UFO official the team is willing to pay the bond, but was advised against it.

The deadline for the submission of the protest letter and bond should have lapsed 10pm Wednesday night.

"We requested a meeting with Bong [Malasarte] yesterday [Wednesday] at Hard Rock at 4pm and discussed the issues. He said they will get back to us at 8pm because he has another commitment. We handed him a copy of our letter," VisMinda assistant coach Rey Perez said in an email to *Saipan Tribune.*

"Malasarte told us to talk to Norman Del Rosario of Konflikt to persuade him to play the match for five more minutes. He also told us not to pay the bond during the meeting and said he will get back to us later. We waited and didn't get a response," Sison said.

A copy of the protest letter was also emailed to UFO last Wednesday night at 9:23pm, according to Perez.

VisMinda in its protest letter said the last-second shot should be nullified, saying the remaining time was not enough to allow the field goal. It also contended that referee Gabriel White should have consulted with the table officials, specifically the timekeeper, who Satbahi claimed "missed to press three-tenths of a second on the shot clock."

VisMinda through Perez's separate email also claimed "Barrios grabbed the ball using his left hand then moved the ball using his right for the layup."

White, a FIBA International referee who was on the left key near the 3-point area when the crucial play happened, earlier ruled Barrios didn't dribble the ball and instead picked it up and went for the layup.

The controversial play started with Elmer Esdrelon throwing a long inbound pass to Barrios after Elgene Mangali canned his second free throw that tied the game at 77-all with 0.5 (five tenths of a second) left in the game.

VisMinda in its protest said that the clock should have ended the moment Barrios touched the leather. FIBA rules on throw-in state that the clock will only start ticking the moment a player inside the court touches the ball.

On last-second shot, FIBA rules state "near the end of a period, the game clock must show at least 0:00.3 (three tenths of a second) for a player to secure control of the ball and attempt for a goal. If the clock reads 0:00.2 (two tenths) or 0:00.1 (one tenth) second, the only legal goal must be made as a result of a tip in or an alley-oop dunk."

As for the procedures on filing a protest after the game, Sison said table officials told them to sign at the back of the scoresheet. Perez then wrote the words Satbahi and protest at the back of the scoresheet.

"Right after the game, we shouted and informed table officials, like Abner Venus, that we will protest the game," Perez said.

White after the game explained that FIBA rules state that the team captain should sign on the space provided in the scoresheet in case of a protest. Darwin Barbo is VisMinda's team captain. Without following the proper procedure, White said the game was not under protest.

When told about UFO's decision to nullify the protest, Sison said their team was scheduled to have a meeting yesterday afternoon to decide their next step. He then criticized organizers for scheduling the semis pairings right after the Tuesday night game.

"While the team was given 24 hours to protest the game, UFO had already decided to have a play date for Proa, Mobil, Konflikt, and Cavite," the letter said.

The semis schedule was decided via draw after the controversial VisMinda-Konflikt match with Proa being paired against Mobil and Cavite drawing Konflikt. Mobil and Proa dueled last night, Ali'i Konflikt plays Cavite/Andok's this Sunday.

SCHULERS

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they are good soccer players, they are also great volunteer coaches for youth teams. I know they have inspired a lot of our young players both on and off the pitch with good discipline and respect for the game," Tan added.

The couple played for MP United and club officials Betty Johnson and Vickie Izuka had also a lot of kind words for the Schulers for their contribution to the group and its players.

"They are good role models with their sportsmanship and dedication to the game. On behalf of the MP United, we would like to thank them and wish them good luck," said Johnson, who led some MP United officials and U18 players in handing a plaque of recognition to the Schulers during an informal ceremony last Sunday at Navy Hill.

"Kirk and Carrie Schuler are two dedicated professional individuals who have made significant contributions toward football development in the CNMI. MP United Football Club in particular has benefited tremendously from their time and commitment in leading, organizing, and coaching our youth and adult players. They are good friends as well as mentors to our youth and we will truly miss them. We wish them well in all their future endeavors," Izuka said.

Besides soccer, Kirk and Carrie also played tennis and CNMI coach Jeff Race is glad the couple became a part of the tennis community.

"Even for a short period they were able to contribute to our tennis community. They organized the Tan Holdings Classic and Kirk helped out in training some of our young players. He traded shots with Ji Hoon Heo and Negahr Rastguiy," Race said.

The now Hawaii-based Heo said Kirk gave him competition when there was not much on Saipan.

"Although he never beat me, he really got the best out of me and I had to either serve really well or play smart to win. When I played against Kirk, I was able to analyze and know what I had to work on. Training on Saipan is tough because you get too relaxed when you don't have a lot of competition so when I was up against him, I had to bring my A game and pump myself up to get back into the zone. He was not only an opponent but also friend and a mentor. I look up to him because he was once in the same shoes as I am today. He gave me advice about college and tennis and we hit regularly whenever we could," said the Hawaii Pacific University player.

Peter Loyola, who is now based in Tokyo, Japan serving as a teaching pro at Jinji Tennis Center, said it was a privilege playing with the Schulers.

"Kirk is one of my best teammates. He always motivates me and he is very professional. He plays by the rules and always shows excellent sportsmanship. Carrie shares the same high level of sportsmanship as her husband and her soccer skills are impressive," Loyola said.

The couple in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday said the best reward they gained in their three-year stay here was the positive impact they created in the sports community. The Schulers also thanked the community for welcoming them with open arms.

"When we came here three years ago, we don't know what we're getting into. Then we started meeting new friends and teammates and they welcomed us. The CNMI gave as the opportunity to play again the sports we enjoyed back home," Carrie said.

"We will really miss this place and its very nice people. As for MP United players, we hope they will continue to improve their skills and keep showing great sportsmanship. For NMIFA and the various clubs, we wish their full participation in every tournament here and off-island," Kirk said.

SONICS

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The U19 playoffs continue tonight in Gualo Rai with RBC-DYS Rollers taking on NMC Proa at 4:45pm followed by the CK Blazers against Hi-5 at 6pm.

The Sonics managed an early 13-12 edge after the opening eight minutes thanks largely to the six points of Bryl Alegre.

Sonics' Melvin Cadiang then delivered five markers late in the second quarter to give his team two-point spread, 24-22, at halftime.

Sahj Hossain mustered eight points in the first half to keep Ol'Aces in contention.

The Sonics made some defensive adjustments after the break and held Ol'Aces' explosive offense to just eight markers in the third period.

On the other end, Cadiang drained a couple of 3-pointers in the third quarter to lift his team to a double-digit lead, 40-30, heading into the fourth and final quarter.

The Sonics never looked back and pressed on to the one-sided victory. Adrian Palacios came off the bench and delivered a pair of treys for 10 points in the payoff period.

Cadiang led the Sonics with 13 points, while Hossain finished with 19 in the loss.

In the second game, Lester Vertudez found his mark early with six points as Fast 12 doubled up on Kagman, 14-7, after the first quarter.

Fast 12's defense held Kagman's offense to single digits again in the second quarter as the team amassed a daunting 36-16 lead at the pause.

Fast 12's Herbert Manahan scored nine points in the period.

Then after Kagman's offense stalled again in the third quarter, the outcome of the match became apparent; Fast 12 led it 53-24, heading into the last quarter.

Fast 12 sent in the reserves early and had no trouble wearing out the six-man Kagman crew in the final canto.

Five different players chipped in offensively for Fast 12 in the period.

Fast 12's Manahan and Mike Bondoc combined for 25 points to lead Fast 12 to victory, while Kagman's Daymark Teregeyo fired 14 in the loss.

First Game

Sonics 60 – Cadiang 13, Caro 11, Palacios 11, Alegre 8, Tudela 6, Salem 5, Ecalnea 2.

Ol'Aces 47 – Hossain 19, Mizer 7, Rangamar 5, Maratita 5, De Vero 4.

Scoring by quarters: 13-12, 24-22, 40-30, 60-47.

Second Game

RBC Fast 12 78 – Manahan 13, Bondoc 12, Ano 9, Iglesias 9, Salas 9, Sacramento 8, Vertudez 8, Metran 4, Oreola 4, DL Guerrero 2.

Kagman Rollers 39 – Teregeyo 14, Olopai 8, K. Cepeda 6, Adolfo 5, E. Cepeda 4, Laniyo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-7, 36-16, 53-24, 78-39.

15 villages represented in MDX caging

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A Team Pastor player, center, drives against two Team Joey defenders during a league at the Civic Center Basketball Court in May this year. The Susupe court will host the MDX caging opening this Sunday.
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Names of the participating squads in the 2011 MDX Amateur Radio Club Inter-Village Friendship League have been announced two days before competition kicks off this weekend at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

Teams are named after the various villages on Saipan. Armatech will represent Susupe, while Fong's Bakery will carry Chalan Kanoa. Others on the list are Garapan of Jhems Restaurant, As Lito of Chow Queen, Koblerville of GEC, San Vicente of the Saints, Gualo Rai of Blue Haus, Dandan of Hawaiian Mawati Rock, Kagman of Destroyers 2011, San Antonio of Bud Brothers, Chalan Laulau of AON Insurance, Chalan Kiya of Pacific Postal, As Perdido of B'Boys, San Roque of Morales, and San Jose of Price Costco. League organizers are still waiting for the village name of one more squad

The 16 participating teams will be divided into two pools and each group will play in a round-robin format in the regular season. After seven games, the Top 4 teams in each pool will move into the crossover playoff round. The playoffs will have a single-elimination format and only the Top 4 teams will be awarded with trophies at the end of the competition.

Games will be played every Saturday at 3:30pm and Sunday at 8am, 10am, 2pm, and 4pm. This Sunday's opening day will start at 2pm.

Meeting today

Meanwhile, organizers are calling on representatives of participating teams to attend a mandatory meeting today at 5:30pm at the pavilion near the basketball court in Susupe. Final details about the opening ceremonies will be discussed at the meeting.

Organizers are also looking for sponsors of the recreational league.

For more information, contact Bong Malasarte at 287-5525.

Shirley's caging opens on Oct. 16

It's final, the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League will kick off on Oct. 16 at the TSL Sports Complex.

The third edition of the league, which had its opening postponed twice, will have 12 teams vying for the championship, including defending champion Pacific Islands Club.

PIC will team up with players from Aqua Resort Club in battling Pacific Trading Co. Mobil, PSS/McGraw-Hill, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Wushin Corp., GPPC, Inc., Hyatt Regency Saipan, DFS Galleria, Grillin' Restaurant, and host Shirley's Coffee Shop.

This season, the 12 participating teams are allowed to recruit five players outside their company.

Games in Shirley's caging will be played four times a week or every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. In the opening next Sunday, the first match will start at 4pm, followed by the second and third games set for 6pm and 8pm. The opening ceremonies, which include the traditional parade of teams, will begin at 2:30pm. Only two games will be played every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

The league will have a round-robin format in the regular season and only the Top 8 teams will advance to the single-elimination playoffs. Teams who have yet to settle their entrance fee are told to do so before opening day.

A mandatory meeting, meanwhile, is set for Monday, Oct. 10, 7pm at Shirley's Garapan to discuss the final details about the opening and other concerns with the league.

For more information, contact Boy Lingcaso at 785-7232. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Shark Attack gets piece of 1st place in Obyan

Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack is now tied with D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Pirata for the lead in the Obyan Division after the conclusion of Tuesday's Saipan Billiards Association's 2011 Budweiser Summer/Fall Open 8-Ball League matchups.

IT&E Voyagers, meanwhile, remain in the driver's seat atop the Agingan Division.

Pirata absorbed a 3-4 upset at home to Jonny's Team SCS (19-23) and now has to share the pole position with Shark Attack, which bested Crazy 8 (18-22), 5-2, on the road at Jonny's.

Both teams now share identical win-loss cards of 25-17.

Notably, 19th Hole Bar & Grill's Poksu romped sister team Titans (16-22), 6-1, in a road draw to pull within two games of the frontrunners.

On Tuesday, Crazy 8 hosts Team SCS, the Titans welcome Pirata, and Shark Attack calls over Poksu.

In the Agingan Division, IT&E Voyagers defeated third-ranked IT&E Incredibles (23-19), 5-2, on the road at Sand's Bar last Tuesday to improve its record to 33-9.

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Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack defeated Jonny's Bar & Grill's Crazy 8, 5-2, on the road in Tuesday's SBA 2011 Budweiser Summer/Fall 8-Ball League to pull into first place in the Obyan Division with rival Pirata of D'Pirates Bar & Grill.

Second place Docomo Hustlers kept pace with their rivals, downing VFW Post 3457's X-Tream (16-26), 5-2, at home in Utopia Sports Bar, but remain nine games back.

Meanwhile, Jonny's Bar & Grill's Home Boyz Five (22-20) dominated Joe's Steakhouse's Fotten Palau (8-34), 6-1, in a home match.

On Tuesday, Home Boyz Five hosts IT&E Voyagers; X-Tream calls over the IT&E Incredibles; and Fotten Palau welcomes the Docomo Hustlers. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

Battle of the Champions cast completed

The 16-player cast for the VFW Post 3457 Battle of the Champions 9-Ball Tournament, was completed last Saturday after the final qualifying event at the Garapan sports bar and watering hole.

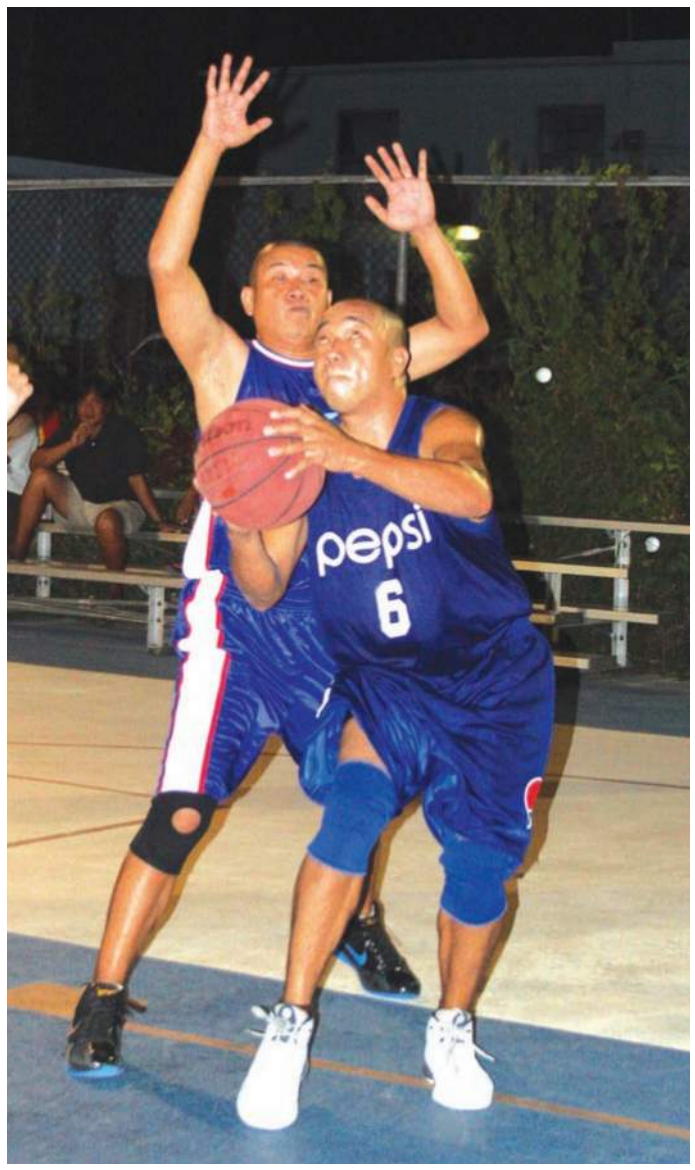
Claiming the last slot for the finale was Eric Caisip, who topped the Oct. 1 qualifier after beating Jimmy Wang. Caisip started his bid for the Battle of the Champions berth with a victory over Taylor Watanabe in the first round and then downed Eugene Borja in the second round. After two wins, Caisip advanced to the semifinals against Wang and prevailed anew. Wang dropped to the loser's bracket and had to trip Victor Hocog to earn a rematch against Caisip.

In their second meeting, Caisip reasserted his mastery over Wang to move to the Battle of the Champions, joining Mark Butac, Borja, Erwin Gomez, Wang, Watanabe, Mike Pangelinan, Chester Cuento, Fredo Robego, Hocog, Butch Pangelinan, Richard Santos, Simon Kapileo, Jorge Pangelinan, Rolly Villanueva, and Rico Montano.

Set for Oct. 16, the Battle of the Champions is the culmination of a series of 9-ball tournaments VFW Post 3457 hosted. The weekly competition was held every Saturday and the winner of the double-elimination tournament earned a spot in the Battle of the Champion.

A trophy and cash prize await the winner of the final next week, while other gifts from sponsor Budweiser will also be handed out to the qualifiers.

To confirm participation in the Battle of Champions or for more information, call 235-4839 or 483-4258. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***



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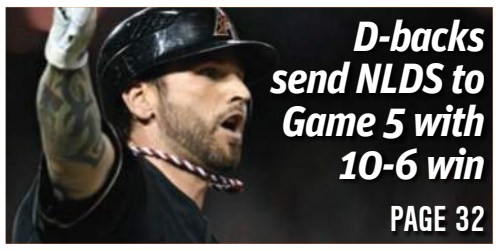
Pacific Trading Co.'s Jojo Garon, right, attempts a shot against MBI's George Barbo during their game in the Shirley's caging last year at the JP Center Basketball Court. This season's Shirley's league will open on Oct. 16 at the TSL Sports Complex.



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UFO thumbs down VisMinda protest

VisMinda/Satbahi's Marlon De Dios, center, fumbles as MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt's Jawn Joyner, left, and Elmer Esdrelon try to steal the ball during their controversial game in the UFO Bud Cup caging last Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.
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Officials of the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup ruled the VisMinda/Satbahi's protest is void even as the team reiterated it followed the proper procedure in filing the complaint.

The protest stemmed from J.R. Barrios' shot in the last .05 second, giving MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt a 79-77 win over VisMinda/Satbahi last Tuesday at the TSL Sports Complex.

UFO's Bong Malasarte in a telephone interview said the protest is invalid as VisMinda failed to post the $250 bond, which is required under the league's ground rules on procedure on protesting a game (section 10).

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Sonics, Fast 12 advance in U19 playoffs

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The Sonics and Rollers Basketball Club's Fast 12 squad moved on to the second round of the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball Club's U19 division playoffs Wednesday at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Top ranked Sonics eliminated defending champion New Fresh Market Ol'Aces, 60-41, in the curtain raiser, while Fast 12 overwhelmed RBC Ray Basa-Kagman Rollers, 78-39, in the nightcap.

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
The Sonics' Melvin Cadiang streaks to the hoop with his left hand in Wednesday's U19 Rotary playoff match against the New Fresh Market Ol'Aces at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Schulers bid Saipan goodbye

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The CNMI sports community is sending its big thank you to Kirk and Carrie Schuler, as they leave Saipan for Illinois tomorrow after staying here for three years.

"Kirk and Carrie are part of our national team. They spent many hours training and playing hard for the CNMI. I still remember watching Carrie score the beautiful goal against Guam in Tainan, Taiwan two years ago. Kirk started playing soccer at our coed league and quickly became a solid defender for our national team within a year, such a natural athlete," Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan said.

"They will be missed. Not only

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Carrie, left, and Kirk Schuler, in action in a local football and tennis tournaments last year. The Schulers are leaving Saipan tomorrow after staying here for three years.

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